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OF

Feasts and Fasts.

HOLYDAYS ON WHICH THERE IS A STRICT OBLIGATION TO HEAR MASS, AND REFRAIN FROM SERVILE WORK.

All Sundays in the year.

The Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, Jan. 1.*

The Epiphany, Jan. 6.*

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, March 25.*

Ascension of our Lord.

Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15.

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* In the dioceses of *New Orleans*, *St. Louis*, *Mobile*, *Vincennes*, *Dubuque*, *Little Rock*, and *Chicago*, the Circumcision, Epiphany, Annunciation, and Corpus Christi, are not festivals of obligation.

Feast of All Saints, November 1.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dec. 8.

Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Dec. 25.

FASTING-DAYS ON ONE MEAL.

All days in Lent, except Sundays.

The eve of Whitsuntide.

The Quarter-Tenses, or Ember-days, which occur in the four seasons of the year, viz.: the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays—1. Immediately after the first Sunday in Lent; 2. In Whitsun-week; 3. Immediately after the 14th of September; 4. Immediately after the third Sunday of Advent.

The Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Vigil of All Saints.

Every Friday in Advent, and Christmas-Eve.

N. B.—When a fasting-day falls upon Sunday, the fast is observed on the Saturday preceding that Sunday.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM FLESH-MEAT.

All the Sundays in Lent, except when the use of meat is allowed by the Archbishop or Bishop of the Diocese.

All Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.*

If Christmas-day falls upon a Friday or Saturday, neither fast nor abstinence is observed.

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* The abstinence on Saturdays is dispensed with, for the faithful throughout the United States, for the space of twenty years from 1860, except when a fast falls on Saturday. Hence, the Saturdays of Lent, and Quarter-Tenses, and Vigils falling on Saturday, are still days of *abstinence* from *flesh-meat.*

TABLE

OF

Movable Feasts.

Year of our Lord.	Dominical Letter.	Golden Number.	The Epact.	Septuagesima Sunday.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter Sunday.
1870	b	9	28	Feb. 13	March 2	April 17
1871	A	10	9	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	April 9
1872	g f	11	20	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	March 31
1873	e	12	1	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	April 13
1874	d	13	12	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	April 5
1875	c	14	23	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	March 28
1876	b A	15	4	Feb. 13	March 1	April 16
1877	g	16	15	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	April 1
1878	f	17	26	Feb. 17	March 6	April 21
1879	e	18	7	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	April 13
1880	d c	19	18	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	March 28
1881	b	1		Feb. 13	March 2	April 17
1882	A	2	11	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	April 9
1883	g	3	22	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	March 25
1884	f e	4	3	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	April 13
1885	d	5	14	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	April 5
1886	c	6	25	Feb. 21	March 10	April 25
1887	b	7	6	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	April 10
1888	A g	8	17	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	April 1
1889	f	9	28	Feb. 17	March 6	April 21
1890	e	10	9	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	April 6
1891	d	11	20	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	March 29
1892	c b	12	1	Feb. 14	March 2	April 17
1893	A	13	12	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	April 2
1894	g	14	23	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	March 25
1895	f	15	4	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	April 14
1896	e d	16	15	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	April 5
1897	c	17	26	Feb. 14	March 3	April 18
1898	b	18	7	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	April 10
1899	A	19	18	Jan. 26	Feb. 15	April 2
1900	g	1	29	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	April 15
1901	f	2	10	Feb. 3	Feb. 20	April 7

TABLE

OF

Movable Feasts.

Year of our Lord.	Ascension Day.	Whitsunday.	Corpus Christi.	Sundays after Pentecost.	First Sunday of Advent.
1870	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1871	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1872	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1873	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1874	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1875	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1876	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1877	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1878	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1879	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1880	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1881	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1882	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1883	May 3	May 13	May 24	28	Dec. 2
1884	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1885	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1886	June 3	June 13	June 24	23	Nov. 28
1887	May 19	May 29	June 9	25	Nov. 27
1888	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1889	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1890	May 15	May 25	June 5	26	Nov. 30
1891	May 7	May 17	May 28	27	Nov. 29
1892	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1893	May 11	May 21	June 1	27	Dec. 3
1894	May 3	May 13	May 24	28	Dec. 2
1895	May 23	June 2	June 13	25	Dec. 1
1896	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1897	May 27	June 6	June 17	24	Nov. 28
1898	May 19	May 29	June 9	25	Nov. 27
1899	May 11	May 21	June 1	27	Dec. 3
1900	May 24	June 3	June 14	25	Dec. 2
1901	May 16	May 26	June 6	26	Dec. 1

The Calendar.

JANUARY.

1	A	CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.
2	b	Octave of St. Stephen.
3	c	Octave of St. John the Apostle.
4	d	Octave of the Holy Innocents.
5	e	Vigil of Epiphany.
6	f	EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
7	g	*St. Lucian, Martyr.*
8	A	*St. Severinus, Bishop.*
9	b	*St. Julian and Companions, Martyrs.*
10	c	*St. Nicanor.*
11	d	St. Hyginus, Pope and Martyr.
12	e	*St. Tatiana, Martyr.*
13	f	Octave of Epiphany.
14	g	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor.
15	A	St. Paul, first hermit.
16	b	St. Marcellus, Pope and Martyr.
17	c	St. Anthony, Abbot.
18	d	Chair of St. Peter at Rome.
19	e	St. Canute, King and Martyr.
20	f	Sts. Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs.
21	g	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.
22	A	Sts. Vincent and Anastasius, Martyrs.
23	b	Espousals of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
24	c	St. Timothy, Bishop and Martyr.
25	d	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, the Apostle.
26	e	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr.
27	f	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor.
28	g	St. Raymond, of Pennafort, Confessor.
29	A	St. Francis of Sales, Bishop, of Geneva.
30	b	St. Martina, Virgin and Martyr.
31	c	St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor, Founder of the Order of Our Lady for the Redemption of Captives.
		Second Sunday after Epiphany, Most Holy Name of Jesus.

FEBRUARY.

1	d	St. Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr.
2	e	PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
3	f	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr.
4	g	St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop.
5	A	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.
6	b	St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.
7	c	St. Romuald, Abbot.
8	d	St. John of Matha, Confessor.
9	e	St. Apollonia, Virgin and Martyr.
10	f	St. Scholastica, Virgin.
11	g	*St. Antherus, Pope and Martyr.*
12	A	*St. Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr.*
13	b	*St. Catharine of Ricci, Virgin.*
14	c	St. Valentine, Priest and Martyr.
15	d	Sts. Faustin and Jovita, Martyrs.
16	e	*St. Gregory X., Pope and Confessor.*
17	f	*St. Hyginus, Pope and Martyr.*
18	g	St. Simeon, Bishop and Martyr.
19	A	*St. Conrad, Confessor.*
20	b	*St. Eleutherius, Bishop and Martyr.*
21	c	*St. Severinus, Bishop and Martyr.*
22	d	St. Peter's Chair at Antioch.
23	e	St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor.
24	f	ST. MATHIAS, Apostle.
25	g	*Blessed Sebastian at Puebla, Confessor.*
26	A	*St. Margaret of Cortona, Penitent.*
27	b	*St. Leander, Bishop and Confessor.*
28	c	*St. Romanus, Abbot.*
		Friday after Ash-Wednesday, Most Sacred Passion of our Lord.

MARCH.

1	d	*St. John Mary Bonomo, Confessor.*
2	e	*St. Simplicius, Pope and Confessor.*
3	f	*St. Cunegundis, Empress of Germany.*
4	g	St. Casimir, King of Poland, Confessor.
5	A	*St. John Joseph of the Cross, Confessor.*
6	b	St. Colette, Virgin.
7	c	St. Thomas Aquinas, Confessor and Doctor.
8	d	St. John of God, Confessor.
9	e	St. Frances of Rome, Widow, Foundress of the Oblates.
10	f	The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.
11	g	*St. Eulogius, Priest and Martyr.*
12	A	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor.
13	b	*St. Euphrasia, Virgin.*
14	c	*St. Matilda, Queen of Germany.*
15	d	*St. Zachary, Pope and Confessor.*
16	e	*St. Cyriacus and Companions, Martyrs.*
17	f	St. Patrick, Bishop, and Apostle of Ireland.
18	g	St. Gabriel, Archangel.
19	A	ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the B. V. Mary, Patron of North America.
20	b	*St. Cuthbert, Bishop and Confessor.*
21	c	St. Benedict, Abbot, Founder of the Benedictines.
22	d	*St. Catharine of Genoa, Virgin.*
23	e	*St. Victorian, Martyr.*
24	f	*St. Simon, Martyr.*
25	g	ANNUNCIATION OF THE B. V. MARY.
26	A	St. Ludger, Bishop.
27	b	*St. Rupert, Bishop.*
28	c	*St. Sixtus, Pope and Confessor.*
29	d	*St. Eustace, Abbot.*
30	e	*St. John Climacus, Abbot.*
31	f	*B. Nicholas Vanden Flue.*

Friday after 1st Sunday of Lent, office of the Most Sacred Crown of Thorns.
Friday after 2d Sunday of Lent, office of the Spear and Nails.

APRIL.

1	g	*St. Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble, Confessor.*
2	A	St. Francis de Paul, Confessor, Founder of the Minims.
3	b	*St. Benedict a Sancto Philadelphio, or the Black, Confessor.*
4	c	St. Isidore, Bishop and Confessor.
5	d	St. Vincent Ferrer, Confessor.
6	e	St. Sixtus, Pope and Martyr.
7	f	*St. Celestine, Pope and Confessor.*
8	g	*St. Dennis, Bishop of Corinth, Confessor.*
9	A	*St. Catharine of Bologna, Virgin.*
10	b	*St. Mechtildis, Virgin.*
11	c	St. Leo, Pope and Doctor.
12	d	*St. Julius, Pope and Confessor.*
13	e	St. Hermenegild, Martyr.
14	f	Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian, and Maximus, Martyrs.
15	g	*St. Peter Gonzales, or St. Elmo, Confessor.*
16	A	*St. Fructuosus, Bishop, of Braga.*
17	b	St. Anicetus, Pope and Martyr.
18	c	*B. Mary of the Incarnation, Foundress of the French Carmelites.*
19	d	St. Leo, Pope and Confessor.
20	e	*St. Agnes of Monte Pulciano.*
21	f	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor.
22	g	Sts. Soter and Caius, Popes and Martyrs.
23	A	St. George, a Soldier, Martyr.
24	b	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr.
25	c	St. Mark the Evangelist.
26	d	Sts. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs.
27	e	*St. Turribius, Bishop of Lima, Confessor.*
28	f	St. Vitalis, Martyr.
29	g	St. Peter of Verona, Martyr.
30	A	St. Catharine of Sienna, Virgin.

Friday after 3d Sunday of Lent, office of the Five Wounds.
Friday after 4th Sunday of Lent, office of the Most Precious Blood.
2d Sunday after Easter, Patronage of St. Joseph.

MAY.

1	b	STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles.
2	c	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor.
3	d	Finding of the Holy Cross.
4	e	St. Monica, Widow.
5	f	St. Pius V., Pope and Confessor.
6	g	St. John the Apostle, before the Latin Gate.
7	A	St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.
8	b	Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel.
9	c	St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop and Doctor.
10	d	St. Antoninus, Bishop and Confessor.
11	e	*St. Francis of Hieronimo, Confessor.*
12	f	St. Nereus and Companions, Martyrs.
13	g	*St. Jeremias, Prophet and Martyr.*
14	A	St. Boniface, Martyr at Tarsus.
15	b	*St. Isidore, Confessor, Patron of laborers.*
16	c	St. Ubald, Bishop and Confessor.
17	d	St. Paschal Baylon, Confessor.
18	e	St. Venantius, a boy, Martyr.
19	f	St. Peter Celestine, Pope and Confessor.
20	g	St. Bernardine of Sienna, Confessor.
21	A	*St. Felix of Cantalice, Confessor.*
22	b	St. John Nepomucen, Martyr for the secret of the Confessional.
23	c	*B. Andrew Bobola, Martyr.*
24	d	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, "Help of Christians."
25	e	St. Gregory VII., Pope and Confessor.
26	f	St. Philip Neri, Confessor, Founder of the Oratory.
27	g	St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, Virgin.
28	A	*St. Urban, Pope and Martyr.*
29	b	*St. Boniface, Pope and Martyr.*
30	c	St. Felix, Pope and Martyr.
31	d	St. Petronilla, Virgin.

This month is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, as the month of Mary.

JUNE.

1	e	*St. Eleutherius, Pope and Martyr.*
2	f	St. Marcellinus and Companions, Martyrs.
3	g	*St. Clotilda, Queen of France.*
4	A	St. Francis Caraccioli, Confessor.
5	b	*St. Boniface, Apostle of Germany.*
6	c	St. Norbert, Bishop and Confessor, Founder of the order of Premonstratensians.
7	d	*St. Paul of Constantinople, Bishop and Martyr.*
8	e	*St. Medard, Bishop.*
9	f	Sts. Primus and Felician, Martyrs.
10	g	St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland.
11	A	ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE.
12	b	St. John a Facundo, Confessor.
13	c	St. Anthony of Padua, Confessor.
14	d	St. Basil the Great, Bishop and Doctor.
15	e	St. Vitus and Companions, Martyrs.
16	f	St. John Francis Regis, Confessor.
17	g	*Sts. Marcian and Nicander, Martyrs.*
18	A	Sts. Marcus and Marcellianus, Martyrs.
19	b	St. Juliana de Falconieri, Virgin.
20	c	St. Silverius, Pope and Martyr.
21	d	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor.
22	e	St. Paulinus, Bishop and Confessor.
23	f	Vigil.
24	g	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.
25	A	St. William, Abbot, Founder of the Congregation of Monte Virgine.
26	b	Sts. John and Paul, Martyrs.
27	c	*St. Ladislaus, King.*
28	d	St. Irenæus, Bishop and Martyr.
29	e	STS. PETER AND PAUL, Apostles.
30	f	Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle.

2d Friday after Corpus Christi, Feast of the Sacred Heart.

JULY.

1	g	Octave of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.
2	A	VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
3	b	*St. Paul, Pope and Confessor.*
4	c	*St. Udalric, Bishop of Augsburg.*
5	d	*St. Peter of Luxemburg, Bishop.*
6	e	Octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.
7	f	St. Leo, Pope and Confessor.
8	g	St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal.
9	A	*The Nineteen Martyrs at Gorcum, in Holland.*
10	b	Seven Brothers, Martyrs.
11	c	St. Pius, Pope and Martyr.
12	d	St. John Gualbert, Abbot, Founder of the order of Vallumbrosa.
13	e	St. Anacletus, Pope and Martyr.
14	f	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor.
15	g	St. Henry, Emperor and Confessor.
16	A	B. V. MARY of Mount Carmel.
17	b	St. Alexius, of Rome, Confessor.
18	c	St. Camillus of Lellis, Confessor, Founder of the order of Regular Clerks for serving the sick.
19	d	St. Vincent of Paul, Confessor, Founder of the Lazarists, and of the Sisters of Charity.
20	e	St. Jerome Emilian, Confessor, Founder of the Regular Clerks of Somascha.
21	f	St. Praxedes, Virgin.
22	g	St. Mary Magdalen.
23	A	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr.
24	b	St. Christina, Virgin and Martyr.
25	c	ST. JAMES, APOSTLE.
26	d	St. Ann, Mother of the B. V. MARY.
27	e	St. Pantaleon, Martyr.
28	f	St. Nazarius and Companions, Martyrs.
29	g	St. Martha, Virgin.
30	A	Sts. Abdon and Sennen, Martyrs.
31	b	St. Ignatius, Founder of the Society of Jesus.

AUGUST.

1	c	St. Peter's Chair.
2	d	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Founder of the order of the Redemptorists.
3	e	Finding of the relics of St. Stephen.
4	f	St. Dominic, Founder of the order of the Dominicans.
5	g	Dedication of St. Mary of the Snows.
6	A	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.
7	b	St. Cajetan, Confessor.
8	c	St. Cyriacus and Companions, Martyrs.
9	d	St. Romanus, Martyr.
10	e	St. Lawrence, Martyr.
11	f	Sts. Tiburtius and Susanna, Martyrs.
12	g	St. Clare, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Clares.
13	A	Sts. Hippolyte and Cassian, Martyrs.
14	b	Vigil.
15	c	ASSUMPTION OF THE B. V. MARY.
16	d	St. Hyacinth, Confessor.
17	e	Octave of St. Lawrence.
18	f	St. Agapitus, Martyr.
19	g	*St. Philumena, Virgin and Martyr.*
20	A	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor.
21	b	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Foundress of the Visitation Nuns.
22	c	Octave of the Assumption.
23	d	St. Philip Beniti, Confessor.
24	e	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle.
25	f	St. Louis, King of France.
26	g	St. Zephyrinus, Pope and Martyr.
27	A	St Joseph Calasanctius, Confessor.
28	b	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor, Founder of the Augustinian rule, followed by the Augustinians, Ursulines, Hospital Nuns, &c.
29	c	Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
30	d	St. Rose of Lima.
31	e	St. Raymond Nonnatus.

Sunday within the Octave of the Assumption, the Feast of St. Joachim, Father of our Blessed Lady.

SEPTEMBER.

1	f	St. Giles, Abbot.
2	g	St. Stephen, King and Confessor.
3	A	*St. Euphemia and Companions, Virgins and Martyrs.*
4	b	*St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin.*
5	c	*St. Lawrence Justinian, Confessor.*
6	d	*St. Antoninus, Martyr.*
7	e	*St. Regina, Virgin.*
8	f	NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
9	g	St. Gorgonius, Martyr at Nicomedia.
10	A	St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Confessor.
11	b	St. Protus and Companions, Martyrs.
12	c	*Holy Name of Mary.*
13	d	*St. Philip, Martyr.*
14	e	Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
15	f	Octave of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
16	g	Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs.
17	A	Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi.
18	b	St. Joseph a Cupertino, Confessor.
19	c	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr.
20	d	St. Eustace and Companions, Martyrs.
21	e	ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE.
22	f	St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop and Confessor.
23	g	St. Linus, Pope and Martyr.
24	A	OUR LADY OF MERCY.
25	b	*B. Peter Claver, Apostle of Carthagena.*
26	c	Sts. Cyprian and Justinus, Martyrs.
27	d	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs.
28	e	St. Wenceslaus, Duke and Martyr.
29	f	Dedication of St. Michael's Church at Rome.
30	g	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor.
		Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Feast of the Holy Name of Mary.
		The Sunday following the Octave, Feast of the Seven Dolors.

OCTOBER.

1	A	St. Remy, Bishop and Confessor.
2	b	Feast of the Holy Angel Guardians.
3	c	*St. Gerard, Abbot.*
4	d	St. Francis, Founder of the Friars Minors.
5	e	St. Placidus and Companions, Martyrs.
6	f	St. Bruno, Confessor, Founder of the Carthusians.
7	g	St. Mark, Pope and Confessor.
8	A	St. Bridget of Sweden, Widow.
9	b	St. Denis and Companions, Martyrs.
10	c	St. Francis Borgia, Confessor.
11	d	*St. Canicus, Abbot.*
12	e	*Our Lady of Pilar.*
13	f	St. Edward the Confessor, King of England.
14	g	St. Callistus, Pope and Martyr.
15	A	St. Teresa, Virgin, Reformer of the Barefooted Carmelites.
16	b	*St. Gall, Abbot.*
17	c	St. Hedwige, Queen of Poland, Widow.
18	d	St. Luke, Evangelist.
19	e	St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor.
20	f	St. John Cantius, Priest, Confessor.
21	g	St. Ursula, Patroness of the Ursuline Nuns, with her Companions, Martyrs.
22	A	*St. Mary of Salome, Widow.*
23	b	FEAST OF OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER.
24	c	St. Raphael, Archangel.
25	d	Sts. Chrysanthus and Daria, Martyrs.
26	e	St. Evaristus, Pope and Martyr.
27	f	Vigil.
28	g	STS. SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles.
29	A	*St. Narcissus, Bishop and Martyr.*
30	b	*B. Alphonsus Rodriguez, Confessor.*
31	c	*Vigil of All Saints.*
		1st Sunday of October, Feast of the Holy Rosary of the B. V. Mary.
		3d Sunday of October, Feast of the Maternity of the B. V. Mary.

NOVEMBER.

1	d	ALL SAINTS.
2	e	All Souls, or Commemoration of the faithful departed.
3	f	*St. Malachy, Bishop of Armagh. Confessor.*
4	g	St. Charles, Bishop and Confessor.
5	A	*St. Zachary, Father of St. John Baptist.*
6	b	*St. Leonard, Hermit.*
7	c	*St. Willibrod, Bishop of Utrecht.*
8	d	Octave of All Saints.
9	e	Dedication of St. Savior's or St. John Lateran.
10	f	St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor.
11	g	St. Martin, of Tours, Bishop and Confessor.
12	A	St. Martinus, Pope and Martyr.
13	b	St. Diego of Alcala, Confessor.
14	c	St. Stanislaus Kostka, Confessor.
15	d	St. Gertrude, Virgin.
16	e	*St. Paul of the Cross, Founder of Passionists.*
17	f	St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Bishop and Confessor.
18	g	Dedication of the Churches of St. Peter and St. Paul at Rome.
19	A	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.
20	b	St. Felix of Valois, Confessor, Founder of the order of Trinitarians.
21	c	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
22	d	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.
23	e	St. Clement, Pope and Martyr.
24	f	St. John of the Cross, Confessor.
25	g	St. Catharine, Virgin and Martyr.
26	A	St. Peter of Alexandria, Bishop and Martyr.
27	b	*B. Leonard, of Port Maurice, Confessor.*
28	c	*St. Gregory, Pope, Confessor.*
29	d	St. Saturninus, Martyr.
30	e	ST. ANDREW, Apostle.
		2d Sunday of November, Feast of the Patronage of the B. V. Mary.
		Sunday nearest to the Feast of St. Andrew, First Sunday of Advent.

DECEMBER.

1	f	*St. Eloy, Bishop of Noyon, Confessor.*
2	g	St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr.
3	A	St. Francis Xavier, Confessor, Apostle of the Indies.
4	b	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor.
5	c	St. Sabbas, Abbot.
6	d	St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor.
7	e	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor.
8	f	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Patronal Feast of the United States.
9	g	St. Leocadia, Virgin.
10	A	St. Melchiades, Pope and Confessor.
11	b	St. Damasus, Pope and Confessor.
12	c	*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patronal Feast in Mexico and California.*
13	d	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.
14	e	*St. Eulalia, Virgin and Martyr.*
15	f	Octave of the Immaculate Conception.
16	g	St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr.
17	A	*St. Lazarus, Bishop and Confessor.*
18	b	Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
19	c	*St. Nemesis and Companions, Martyrs.*
20	d	Vigil.
21	e	ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE.
22	f	*Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Confessors, Apostles of the Sclavonians.*
23	g	St. Servulus, Confessor.
24	A	Vigil.
25	b	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.
26	c	St. Stephen, the Deacon, Protomartyr.
27	d	ST. JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist.
28	e	Holy Innocents.
29	f	St. Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr.
30	g	St. Sabinus, Bishop of Spoleto, Confessor.
31	A	St. Sylvester, Pope and Confessor.

Morning Prayer.

MORNING Prayer is a duty which God requires as the first-fruits of the day: most religiously then should it be consecrated to him. The success of our actions for the rest of the

day, depends in a great measure upon this first duty. To begin the day without imploring God's grace, and thanking him sincerely for the repose of the night, is certainly to expose ourselves to infinite danger.

But, before your prayer, recollect yourself a moment: think what you yourself are, and what that God is, to whom you are going to speak. You will thus conceive the importance of the action, and the sentiments of humility, of regret for your faults, of attention, respect, fervor, love, and confidence, with which you should address him.

At waking in the morning, say:

MY God, my only good, the author of my being, and my last end, I give thee my heart. Praise, honor, and glory be to thee forever and ever. Amen.

At rising up, say:

✠ IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will raise myself up from this bed of sleep, to adore my God, and to labor for the salvation of my soul. O may I rise on the last day, to life everlasting!

While clothing yourself, say:

O MY God, clothe my soul with the nuptial robe of charity, and grant that I may wear it pure and undefiled before thy judgment-seat.

When clothed, kneel down, and say:

IN the name of the Father, &c. Amen. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen. Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Angelical Salutation.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.—Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of Sins; the Resurrection of the Body; and life everlasting. Amen.

THE CONFITEOR; OR GENERAL CONFESSION.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints,

that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.* Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD! who though dwelling in the highest heaven, yet vouchsafest to regard the lowest creature upon earth, I humbly adore thy sacred Majesty, and with all the force and powers of my soul exalt and praise thy holy name for the infinite blessings thou hast so freely bestowed on me, for electing me in thy love, and creating me to thy own image; for redeeming me by thy Son, and sanctifying me with thy Holy Spirit; for preserving me in all the chances and encounters

of this life, and raising up my thoughts to the hope of a better; and particularly for thy gracious protection from the dangers of the past night, and for bringing me safely to the beginning of this day. Continue, O Lord, thy mercy to me, and as thou hast awakened my body from sleep, so raise my soul from sin, that I may walk soberly and chastely as in the day, in all holy obedience, before thy face.

Deliver me, O merciful God, from the evils of this day, and guide my feet in the ways of peace. Strengthen my resolutions to embrace with gladness all opportunities of doing good, and carefully to avoid all occasions of sin, especially those which I have found by experience to be most dangerous to my soul; and when, through frailty, I forget thee, do thou in thy mercy remember me; that as I often fall by the evil inclination of my nature, I may instantly rise again by the assistance of thy grace. Make me diligent in the duties of my calling and state of life, and not

too solicitous for the success of my affairs; but in all the miscarriages and crosses of this world, absolutely submit to thy divine pleasure, and wholly rely on thy merciful providence. Let thy blessing be upon my actions, and thy grace direct my intentions; that the whole course of my life, and the principal design of my heart, may always tend to the advancement of thy glory, the good of others, and the eternal salvation of my own soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Give me grace, O Lord, to do what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

Give me grace to suffer what thou permittest, and permit what thou pleasest.

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon me, and dwell in my heart forever. Amen.

ACTS OF CONTRITION, FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

A Prayer before the Acts.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant unto us an increase of faith, hope, and charity. And that we may obtain what thou hast promised, make us love what thou commandest, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Contrition.

O MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest my sins most sincerely, because they displease thee, my God, who art so deserving of all my love, for thy infinite goodness and most amiable perfections; and I firmly purpose, by thy holy grace, never more to offend thee.

An Act of Faith.

O MY God, I firmly believe that thou art one only God, the Creator and sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, infinitely great and infinitely good. I firmly believe that in thee, one only God, there are three divine persons, really distinct and equal in all things, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: I firmly believe that Jesus Christ, God the Son, became man; that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

and was born of the Virgin Mary, that he suffered and died on a cross to redeem and save us, that he arose the third day from the dead; that he ascended into heaven; that he will come at the end of the world to judge mankind; and that he will reward the good with eternal happiness, and condemn the wicked to the everlasting pains of hell. I believe these and all other articles, which the holy Roman Catholic Church proposes to our belief, because thou, my God, the infallible truth, hast revealed them; and thou hast commanded us to hear the Church, *which is the pillar and the ground of truth;* in this faith I am firmly resolved, by thy holy grace, to live and die. *Matt.* xviii. 17, and 1 *Tim.* iii. 15.

An Act of Hope.

O MY God, who hast graciously promised every blessing, even heaven itself, through Jesus Christ,

to those who keep thy commandments —relying on thy infinite power, goodness, and mercy, and on thy sacred promises, to which thou art always faithful; I confidently hope to obtain pardon of all my sins; grace to serve thee faithfully in this life, by doing the good works thou hast commanded, and which, with thy assistance, I now purpose to perform; and eternal happiness in the next, through my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

An Act of Charity, or an Act of the Love of God and of our Neighbor.

O MY God, I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and above all things; because thou art infinitely good and perfect, and most worthy of all my love; and for thy sake, I love my neighbor as myself. Mercifully grant, O my God, that having loved thee on earth, I may love and enjoy thee forever in heaven. Amen.

A Devout Recommendation, which may be used every Morning, or any other Time.

I ADORE and glorify thee, O blessed Trinity, God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. I offer myself to thy divine Majesty, humbly beseeching thee to take from me, and from all thy faithful, whatever displeases thee, and to give us that which is grateful in thy sight; grant that we may here do what thou commandest, and hereafter receive what thou promisest.

To thee, O Lord, I commend my soul and body (*my wife and children, my father and mother, my brothers and sisters*), my kinsfolk, benefactors, and friends, all my nearest and dearest relatives, and all those for whom I am any ways bound to offer up my prayers. To thee I commend the Holy Catholic Church. To thee I commend these United States, and our President.

Grant, O Lord, that all may know thee, all may honor and reverence thee, all may love thee, and be loved by thee. Reduce those that err, and bring them again into the way of truth: abolish heresies, and convert all to the true faith, who as yet do not know thee. Grant us, O Lord, thy grace, and preserve us in thy peace; may thy holy will be done, and not ours. Comfort all those that lead their lives in sorrow, misery, or temptation, and mercifully relieve them in their afflictions, whether spiritual or corporal. Lastly, I commend all universally to thy holy protection, beseeching thee that thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant to the living forgiveness of their sins, and to the souls departed everlasting rest. Amen.

A Prayer for Perseverance in Goodness.

GRANT, O my Lord Jesus Christ, that I may persevere in good purposes, and in thy holy service, to my death; and that I may this day perfectly begin, for all I have hitherto done is nothing. Amen.

Here, if you have leisure, add, out of the devout prayers, that which is adapted to your state in life.

A Prayer to your Angel Guardian.

ANGEL of God, to whose care I am committed by the supreme clemency, illuminate, defend, and govern me this day in all my thoughts, words, and actions. Amen.

Bless us, O Lord, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

When at Morning, Noon, or Evening, the Sign of the Salutation is given, say,

THE Angel of the Lord declared to Mary,* and she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, &c. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:* be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary,

&c. And the Word was made flesh,* and dwelt amongst us. Hail Mary, &c.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Prayer.

POUR forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

(*Form to which an indulgence of three hundred days was granted by Pope Pius IX., who suppressed all other forms.*)

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.
Father of the heavens, God,
Son, Redeemer of the world, God,
Holy Spirit, God,
Holy Trinity, One God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendor of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of the eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, son of justice,
Jesus, son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, amiable,
Jesus, admirable,
Jesus, powerful God,
Jesus, father of the world to come,

Have mercy on us!

Jesus, angel of the great council,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, model of virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, our way and our life,
Jesus, joy of angels,
Jesus, king of the patriarchs,
Jesus, master of the apostles,
Jesus, teacher of the evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,

Have mercy on us!

Jesus, purity of virgins, } *Have mer-*
Jesus, crown of all saints, } *cy on us!*
Be merciful, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
Be merciful, *Hear us, O Jesus.*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From eternal death,
From a neglect of thy inspirations,
By the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
By thy nativity,
By thy infancy,
By thy most divine life,
By thy labors,
By thy agony and passion,
By thy cross and dereliction,
By thy languors,
By thy death and burial,
By thy resurrection,
By thy ascension,
By thy joys,
By thy glory,
} *Deliver us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Jesus*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Jesus!*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Jesus!*
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast said, *Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you;* mercifully attend to our supplication, and grant us the gift of thy divine charity, that we may ever love thee with our whole heart, and never desist from thy praise.

O JESUS! grant us a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, as thou never ceasest to direct and govern by thy providence those whom thou dost instruct in the solidity of thy love.

Salve Regina.

HAIL! holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears: turn then, most gracious advocate, thy eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O most clement, most pious, and most sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Blessing.

THE peace of our Lord Jesus Christ; —virtue of his sacred passion:— the sign of the holy cross;—the purity and humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary;—the protection of the angels;—and the intercession of all

the saints and elect of God, be with me, and defend me now, and at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. Amen.

At going forth out of your House, say,

SHOW me, O Lord, thy ways, and teach me thy paths. Direct my steps according to thy words, that no injustice may rule over me. Make perfect my walking in thy paths, that my steps may not be moved.

Grace before Meat.

BLESS us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which of thy bounty we are about to receive, through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Grace after Meat.

WE give thee thanks, Almighty God, for all thy benefits, who livest and reignest world without end. *R.* Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy name's sake, to render to our benefactors life everlasting. *R.* Amen.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

Devotions for every Day in the Week.

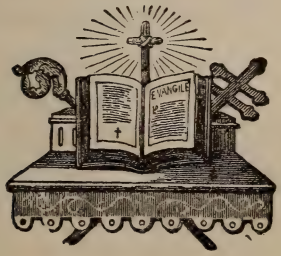
A holy and ancient practice amongst the faithful has consecrated every day in the week to some particular devotion. It is with this spirit that a prayer is here set down for each of these days.

SUNDAY.

A Prayer to the most Holy Trinity.

GLORY be to the Father, who, by his power, hath brought us forth from nothing, and created us to his own likeness. Glory be to the Son, who by his wisdom hath delivered us from Hell, and opened Heaven for us. Glory be to the

Holy Ghost, who, by his mercy, hath sanctified us in baptism, and still continues to sanctify us by the graces which we every day receive from him. Glory, honor, and praise be to the three persons of the most holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. We adore thee, O Holy Trinity! we worship thee; we most humbly give thee thanks for having revealed to us this glorious, this incomprehensible mystery; and for granting to those who shall persevere until death in the faithful profession of it, the reward of beholding and enjoying in Heaven, what we now believe and adore upon Earth—One God in Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.



MONDAY.

A Prayer to the Holy Ghost.

O SANCTIFIER of our souls! thou Spirit of love and truth! We adore thee as the principle of our eternal happiness; we thank thee as the dispenser of all heavenly favors; and we invoke thee as

the source of that light and strength, by which alone we can know what is good, and be enabled to practise it. Enlighten our understandings, fortify our wills, purify our hearts, regulate our movements, and make us attentive to all thy inspirations. Pardon us, thou Spirit of Grace and Mercy! pardon us our constant infidelities, and the shameful insensibility with which we have so often resisted the most touching impulses of grace. We are at length resolved to be no longer rebellious to it: but to obey it with such docility, that we may taste those fruits, and enjoy those beatitudes, which thy sacred gifts can produce in our souls.

TUESDAY.

A Prayer to our Guardian Angel.

O HOLY Angel, to whose care God in his mercy hath committed me, I return thee now my most sincere and humble thanks; I conjure thee, O amiable Guide, to continue still thy care; to defend me against my enemies; to remove from me the occasions of sin; to obtain for me a constant docility to divine inspirations; to protect me, in particular, at the hour of my death; and then to conduct me to the mansions of eternal repose, where, in thy blessed society, I may praise our Creator forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY.

A Prayer to St. Joseph.

O FAITHFUL servant, whom God had charged with the care of his family; thou whom he had established the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus, the consoler and support of his Mother, and

his own faithful Associate in the great affair of our Redemption; thou who hadst the happiness to live with Jesus and Mary, and to expire in their arms: Chaste Spouse of the Mother of God! thou model of pure, humble, and interior souls! be touched with the confidence we have in thee; and graciously accept these testimonies of our devotion. We return God thanks for the favors he hath bestowed on thee; and we beg, through thy intercession, that we may imitate thy virtues. Pray for us, then, O glorious Saint; and by that love thou always hadst for Jesus and for Mary, and which Jesus and Mary had also for thee, obtain always for us the incomparable advantage of living faithful to Jesus, and of dying in his love. Amen.

THURSDAY.

A Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

O SWEET and adorable Jesus, who, in the excess of thy love, art pleased to dwell with us in the Sacrament of the Altar; I here acknowledge that thou art my Sovereign and my God: I adore thee with the most profound humility; I thank thee with all my heart, for the tenderness thou here showest me, in spite of the treatment thou receivest. Pierced with

the sincerest grief, at the sight of my ingratitude, I come, O God of Majesty, to make thee some poor amends, for all the sacrileges and the impiety which were ever committed or ever shall be committed against this adorable Sacrament. Why cannot I, O God, sufficiently testify my own regret, for having so often appeared before thee with indifference, and for having approached thee with so little fervor, and so little love? Forget, O Lord, my iniquities, that thou mayest remember only thy own infinite mercies. Deign to accept the desire I have of honoring thee in the adorable Sacrament. Yes, I wish with all my heart to love thee, to bless, to praise, and adore thee here, as fervently as the saints and angels adore thee: and I conjure thee, by this sacred Body, and by this most precious Blood, that I may henceforth honor thee so fervently, and receive thee so worthily, that after this life, I may praise thee forever with thy Saints in Heaven. Amen.

FRIDAY.

A Prayer to Jesus suffering.

O SPOTLESS Lamb! O Innocent Victim! who by thy Death and Blood hast effaced the sins of mankind, blot out my iniquities, and do not permit that thy sufferings should become useless to me.

O Jesus, humbled, sorrowful, desolate, and resigned to death! help me to receive, with a resignation like thine, whatever afflictions thou shalt please to send me. O Jesus, torn with stripes, pierced with thorns, weltering in blood for my sake, teach me to endure, for love of thee, the anguish and inconvenience of ill health, misery, or afflictions. O Jesus, abandoned to executioners, shamefully condemned to a cross, enable me to fly all vain-glory, and patiently to endure the most humbling contradictions. O Jesus, sinking under the weight of thy cross, I unite myself to thee, and my crosses also to thine—grant me grace to bear them with patience and resignation. O Jesus, raised up on thy cross, draw me now powerfully to thee: thou art expiring for my sake, O let me never live but for thine; that being henceforth crucified with thee, my whole occupation may be to love and to adore thee incessantly. Amen.

SATURDAY.

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

O BLESSED Virgin, Mother of God! and by this august quality, worthy of all respect from men and angels, I come to offer thee my most humble homage, and to implore the aid of thy prayers and protection. Thy intercession is

most powerful, and thy goodness for mankind on earth, is equal to thy influence in Heaven. Thou knowest, O blessed Virgin! that I look up to thee as my Mother, my Patroness, my Advocate: I acknowledge with humble gratitude that thy virtues singled thee out for the mother of my Redeemer. I will henceforth honor and serve thee assiduously. Accept, O blessed Virgin, my protestations of fidelity; look favorably on the confidence I have in thee; obtain for me of thy dear Son, a lively faith, a firm hope, a tender, generous, and constant love. Obtain for me a cautious purity, a sincere humility, a placid resignation to the will of God, and so faithful an imitation of thy virtues through life, that I may exult in thy patronage at the hour of my death. Amen.

Prayers at Night.

IN the name of the Father, &c. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, I believe in God.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now, and forever. Amen.

O ETERNAL, infinite, and Almighty God! whose glory the heaven of heavens cannot contain, look down on thy unworthy servant, prostrate at the feet of thy mercy, and humbly confessing to thee, in the sight of all thy holy angels and blessed saints, the sinfulness and vanity of my life, but especially the transgressions of this day, by which I have so grievously wounded my own soul.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my exceeding great fault.

Here examine diligently what sins you may have fallen into this day, by thought, word, deed, or omission, and humbly confessing them, proceed thus:

OF these, and all my other sins, I most sincerely repent, and am

heartily sorry for every thought, word, and deed, by which I have displeased the eyes of thy glory, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against me: especially for my disobedience to so holy a law, and extreme ingratitude to so gracious and bountiful a God. I acknowledge, O Lord, that I have not merited the least of thy mercies, but rather deserve the greatest of thy judgments: but as thou hast revealed thyself to be a God of pity and compassion, forgiving the iniquities of such as truly repent, and absolving all those that voluntarily condemn themselves, wherefore with a penitent and contrite heart, I freely confess the guiltiness of my own conscience, and humbly offer these prayers, &c. to thee, for my penance.

Say some Prayers, or do some other pious Act, for your Penance, then proceed thus:

UT since my unworthiness and many imperfections most justly discourage me from presuming

on my own performances, and the richness of thy mercy has provided for us a multitude of acceptable intercessors; therefore I beseech the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed John Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgiving me my sins, bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

And now, O most gracious and liberal Benefactor, I praise and magnify thy holy name for thy great and innumerable benefits, proceeding purely from thy bounty, and intended wholly for my good; particularly for preserving me this day in the midst of so many dangers incident to my condition, and delivering me from so many calamities and miseries as are due to my sins.

Thou art my Creator, O my God, and

kind Protector; thou art the ultimate end of my being, and supreme perfection of my nature. Under the shadow of thy wings is perpetual repose, and from the light of thy countenance flow eternal joy and felicity. To thee be glory and honor, to thee adoration and obedience, from all thy creatures forever. Amen.

And since thou hast ordained the day to labor, and the night to take our rest, as I praise thee for the blessings of this day past, so I implore thy protection this night to come. Let the eyes of thy providence watch over me, and thy holy angels pitch their tents about me; that being safely delivered from all dangers, and comfortably refreshed with moderate sleep, I may the better be enabled to perform the employments of my calling and state of life, and faithfully persevere in the discharge of the duties of thy service; and so daily advance to new victories over my passions, and to a more perfect observance of thy commandments; till having passed my

days in thy fear, I may end them in thy favor, and rejoice with thee forever in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

An Act of Contrition.

O DREAD Lord, and most indulgent Father of mercies! I a wretched worm have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy servant, much less to be accounted thy child, having repaid so much bounty with contempt, and so many benefits with ingratitude. Where shall I find punishment enough to be revenged on me for my sins, or tears enough to wash out my iniquities? Alas! I grieve not at those pains which I have deserved for my rebellion; it only pierces my very heart that I have offended a God who ought to be beloved and honored above all things. What shall I say, dear Lord, in detestation of

the crimes I have committed? What shall I do to prevent my future relapses? Father, from henceforth the face of sin shall be more hideous to me than hell, and the least temptation to it more frightful than death. Forgive, O Almighty Lord, forgive, and have not the sins of my past life in remembrance. Why should the mighty Lord of heaven and earth be incensed against so poor, so contemptible an object? Behold me, O God, not in thy anger, but according to the tender bowels of thy infinite mercy: for thou art our Father, and we are thy children; thou art our Maker, and we are as clay in thy hands; thou canst, with those waters drawn from the fountain of our blessed Saviour, cleanse our pollutions; and with the mixture of one drop of his most precious blood, mould us again into vessels of honor. Of thee only, O merciful Father, I beg and hope for pardon, upon thee only do I call and depend for assistance; that I may hereafter constantly serve thee with a true and faithful obedience,

and inseparably adhere to thee with a pure and perfect love forever.

A Prayer for the Dead.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed full remission of all their offences, that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon of which they have been always desirous; who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

V. Give them, O Lord, eternal rest.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Hymn. Te lucis ante terminum.

BEFORE the closing of the day,
Creator, we thee humbly pray,
That for thy wonted mercy's sake,
Thou us into protection take.
May nothing in our minds excite
Vain dreams and phantoms of the night:
Keep off our enemy, that so
Our bodies no uncleanness know.
To Jesus from a Virgin sprung,
Be glory given and praises sung;
The like to God the Father be,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

Antiphon.

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, and keep us, sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace. Amen.

Preserve us as the apple of thine eye, and protect us under the shadow of thy wings. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

May thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we have put our trust in thee.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my supplication come unto thee.

The Prayer.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and repel from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell therein to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be upon us forever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Anthem.

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy upon us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Redeemer,
} *Pray for us!*

Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Vessel of singular devotion.
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comfort of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,

Pray for us!

Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors, } *Pray for us!*
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,
Queen conceived without original sin, *Pray for us!*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us!*

Anthem.

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

POUR forth, we beseech thee, O Lord! thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

To the Blessed Virgin Mary.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary, I commit my soul and body to thy blessed trust this night and forever, but more especially at the hour of my death. I recommend to thy merciful charity all my hopes, my consolation, my distress, and misery; my life, and the end thereof: that through thy most holy intercession, all my works may be directed according to the will of thy blessed Son. Amen.

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel.

O ANGEL of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supreme clemency, enlighten, defend, and protect me this night from all sin and danger. Amen.

The Blessing.

O GOD the Father bless me; Jesus Christ defend and keep me; the virtue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify me this night and forever. Amen.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

When you go to Bed, say,

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, I lay me down to rest! bless me, O Lord, defend and govern me, and after this short and miserable pilgrimage, bring me to everlasting happiness. Amen.

A Prayer before going to Sleep.

O LORD Jesus Christ, whose unwearied eye neither slumbers nor sleeps, but continually watches in defence of thy servants, take me and mine, I beseech thee, into thy protection, and grant, that whilst my body is asleep, my soul may be awake to thee, and that I may hereafter behold thee in that blessed and heavenly country, where thou, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art eternally governor, and where all the Angels, with the blessed saints, are citizens forever. Amen.

N. B. *When you are in bed, and cannot sleep, employ your thoughts in some spiritual exercise, or in saying the beads, or some other prayers; or in*

meditating on some passage of our Saviour's life and passion; particularly how he spent that night wherein he was taken in the garden; or else you may think on the painful state of the souls in hell or purgatory.

If you chance to awaken in the dead of the night, forthwith imagine with yourself that you are present among the choirs of saints and angels, and with sudden acclamation cry out with them in the words of the hymn, which they incessantly sing, both day and night, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Or, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Live, Jesus, live, and let it be,
My life to die for love of thee.

The Seven Penitential Psalms.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

Psalm vi.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak: heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly; but thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death that is mindful of thee: and who shall confess to thee in hell?

I have labored in my groanings; every night will I wash my bed: I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled; let them be turned back and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm xxxi.

BLESSED are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent my bones grew old; whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sins to thee, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord; and that thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to thee, in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me: my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in the way in which thou shalt go: I will fix my eyes upon thee.

Do not become like the horse and the mule, who have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just: and glory, all ye right of heart.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm xxxvii.

REBUKE me not, O Lord, in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

For thy arrows are fastened in me,

and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath: there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over my head; and, as a heavy burden, are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end: I walked sorrowful all day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions: and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly; I roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before thee, and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have drawn near and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood

afar off: and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and was as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped: thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said, lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me, and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity: and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do not thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm li.

HAVE mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt-offerings; then shall they lay calves upon thy altars.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm ci.

HEAR, O Lord, my prayer, and let my cry come to thee.

Turn not away thy face from me: in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke; and my bones are grown dry, like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow, all alone on the house-top.

All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up, thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest forever: and thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion, for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear thy name,

O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion: and he shall be seen in his glory.

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble: and he hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation; and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that he might release the children of the slain.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion; and his praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assembled together, and kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength: declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my

days; thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old, like a garment.

And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art always the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

The children of thy servants shall continue; and their seed shall be directed forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxxix.

OUT of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxlii.

HEAR, O Lord, my prayer: give ear to my supplication in thy truth: hear me in thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been dead of old: and my spirit is in anguish within me: my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old: I meditated on all thy works: I mused upon the works of thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to thee: my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee have I hoped.

Make thy way known to me wherein I should walk: for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, to thee have I fled: teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

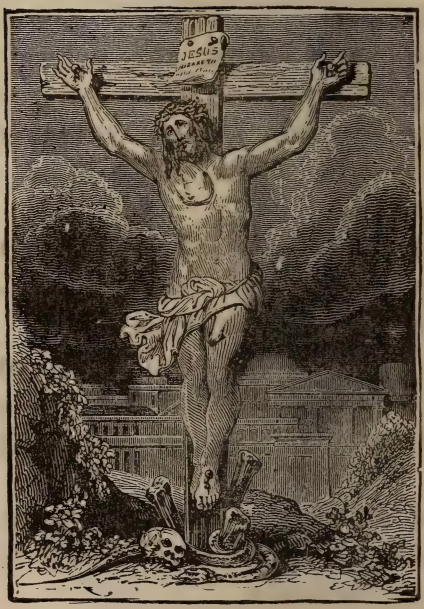
Thy good Spirit shall lead me into the right land; for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents: neither take thou vengeance of our sins.



The Litany of the Saints.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
O God, the Father of heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy upon us.*
O Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye holy Orders of blessed spirits,
St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
Pray for us!

St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thaddeus,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnaby,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
SS. John and Paul,
SS. Cosmas and Damian,
SS. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustin,
St. Jerom,
St. Patrick,

Pray for us!

All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Bennet,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecily,
St. Catherine,
St. Anastasia,
St. Bridget,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
Pray for us!

All ye Men and Women, Saints of God,
Make intercession for us.

Be merciful unto us, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Be merciful unto us, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,
O Lord, deliver us!

From sudden and unprovided death,
From the deceits of the devil,
From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From everlasting death,
Thro' the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
Thro' thy coming,
Thro' thy nativity,
Thro' thy baptism and holy fasting,
Thro' thy cross and passion,
Thro' thy death and burial,
Thro' thy holy resurrection,
Thro' thy admirable ascension,
Thro' the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners, *beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lord, deliver us!

That thou spare us,
That thou pardon us,
That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,
That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,
That thou vouchsafe to preserve

We beseech Thee to hear us!

our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion,
That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy Church,
That thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,
That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,
That thou vouchsafe to comfort and keep us in thy holy service,
That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
That thou render eternal good things to our benefactors,
That thou deliver our souls and those of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,
We beseech Thee to hear us!

That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*
That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*

That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*
Son of God, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us!*
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Psalm lxix.

O GOD, come to my assistance: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame, that desire evils to me.

Let them presently be turned away, blushing for shame that say to me, 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and deliverer: O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. Save thy servants. *R.* Trusting in thee, O my God. *V.* Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength. *R.* From the face of the enemy. *V.* Let not the enemy prevail against us. *R.* Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt us. *V.* O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins. *R.* Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our chief Bishop N.

R. May the Lord preserve him, and prolong his life, and make him blessed on earth: and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. O Lord, for thy name's sake, vouchsafe to render eternal life to all those by whom we have received good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine unto them.

V. May they rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

V. For our absent brethren. *R.* O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come to thee.

Let us pray.

GOD, whose property it is always to have mercy, and to spare, receive our petitions, that we and all thy servants, who are bound by the chain of sin, may, by the com-

passion of thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

HEAR, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayer of thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to thee, that, of thy bounty, thou mayest grant us pardon and peace.

OUT of thy clemency, O Lord, show thy unspeakable mercy to us, that so thou mayest both acquit us of our sins, and deliver us from the punishment we deserve for them.

O GOD, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people, who make supplication to thee, and turn away the scourges of thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, have mercy on thy servant N., our chief bishop, and direct him, according to thy clemency, in the way

of everlasting salvation; that by thy grace he may desire such things as are agreeable to thy will, and perform them with all his strength.

O GOD, from whom are all holy desires, righteous counsels, and just works; give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts being disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of enemies taken away, the times, through thy protection, may be peaceable.

INFLAME, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of thy Holy Spirit; that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that through the help of pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired.

PROMPT, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions, by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by the gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all those whom thou foreknowest shall be thine by faith and good works: we humbly beseech thee, that they for whom we have purposed to offer our prayers, whether this present world still retains them in the flesh, or the next hath already received them divested of their bodies, may, by the intercession of thy saints, and the clemency of thy goodness, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins: through, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto thee.

V. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord graciously hear us.

R. Amen.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Devout Prayers,

WHICH MAY BE SAID AFTER THE LITANIES, ACCORDING TO THE DIVERSITY OF TIMES AND OCCASIONS.

A Prayer for God's holy Church.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast revealed thy glory to all nations in Christ, preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church, spread throughout the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy name: through, &c.

For the Chief Bishop.

O GOD, the Pastor and Governor of all the faithful, mercifully regard thy servant N., whom thou hast placed as chief Pastor over thy Church; grant, we beseech thee, that both by word and example he may edify all those who are under his charge, that, together with the flock committed to his care, he may arrive at life everlasting: through our Lord, &c.

For all degrees of the Church.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed: hear, we beseech thee, our hum-

ble supplications for all degrees thereof; that by the assistance of thy grace, they may faithfully serve thee: through, &c.

A Prayer in any Necessity.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, the fountain of all goodness, mercifully hear the fervent prayers of thy Church, and grant that what we ask with faith, we may effectually obtain: through, &c.

Against the Persecutors of the Church.

RECEIVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers of thy Church, and mercifully appease thy wrath against us; that all adversities and errors being removed, we may serve thee in secure liberty: through, &c.

A Prayer for the President of the United States.

WE pray thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly ad-

ministered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist, with thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States; that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

A Prayer for the Afflicted.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Comforter of the sorrowful, and the support of those who are afflicted; give ear to the prayers of such as call on thee in their tribulation; that finding thy mercy present with

them in their necessities, their mourning may be turned into joy: through, &c.

For Heretics and Schismatics.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who savest all, and wouldst not that any should perish: favorably look down upon those souls which are seduced by the deceit of Satan; that all heretical impiety being removed, the hearts of such as err may repent, and return to the unity of thy truth: through, &c.

For the unfaithful Jews.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who repellest not from thy mercy even the perfidious Jews: hear the prayer, which we offer for the blindness of that people; that the light of thy truth, Christ our Lord, being known to them, they may be delivered from their darkness: through, &c.

For Pagans.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who desirest not the death, but the life of sinners: mercifully accept our prayers, and delivering pagans from the worship of idols, unite them to thy Church, to the praise and honor of thy glorious name: through, &c.

In time of War.

O GOD, who puttest an end to wars, and, by the power of thy protection, vanquishest the opposers of such as trust in thee, help thy servants, who earnestly crave thy mercy; that the evil designs of our enemies being defeated, we may praise thee with incessant gratitude: through, &c.

In time of Famine and Pestilence.

GRANT us, we beseech thee, O Lord, the effect of our prayer, and mercifully turn away from thy servants all pestilence and famine;

that the hearts of men may know that such scourges proceed from thy indignation, and cease by thy mercy: through, &c.

A Prayer for Rain.

O GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, grant us, we beseech thee, competent rain; that partaking of thy temporal blessings, we may the more confidently desire those which are eternal: through, &c.

For Fair Weather.

HEAR our supplications, O Lord, and vouchsafe to thy servants the blessing of fair weather; that we, who are justly afflicted for our sins, may find relief in thy clemency: through, &c.

In any Tribulation.

O ALMIGHTY God, despise not thy people who call upon thee in their afflictions; but for the glory

of thy name forgive them their sins, and deliver them from all sorrow: through, &c.

For Remission of Sins.

O GOD, who rejectest none, but art pacified by penance even towards the greatest offenders, mercifully regard the prayers of thy servants, that through thy mercy we may obtain the pardon of our sins, and be enabled to fulfil thy commandments: through, &c.

Against Temptations.

O GOD, who justifiest the wicked that repent, and desirest not the death of a sinner; we humbly beseech thy majesty to defend thy servants with thy heavenly grace, who trust in thy mercy, and preserve them by thy continual protection, that they may persevere in thy service, and by no temptations be ever separated from thee: through, &c.

For such as are on a Journey.

HEARKEN to our supplications, O Lord, and render the way of thy servants prosperous and safe: grant that amidst all the varieties of this journey and their whole life, they may always be protected by thy assistance: through, &c.

A Prayer for the Sick.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, the perpetual salvation of them that believe, hear us for thy sick servants, for whom we humbly crave the

help of thy mercy, that their health being restored to them, they may render thanks to thee in thy Church: through, &c.

A Prayer for the Living.

EXTEND unto thy faithful, O Lord, the right hand of thy heavenly succor, that they may seek thee with all their hearts, and obtain of thy mercy whatever is necessary to their condition: through, &c.

A Prayer for our Friends.

O GOD, who hast poured the gift of charity, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, into the hearts of the faithful: grant to thy servants (*here name those you pray for*), for whom we implore thy mercy, health of mind and body; that loving thee with all their strength, they may accomplish those things which are pleasing to thee: through, &c.

Prayers to beg the Grace of the Holy Ghost.

The Hymn, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus.*

COME, Holy Ghost, send down those beams
Which sweetly flow in silent streams,
From thy bright throne above:
O come, thou Father of the poor,
Thou bounteous source of all our store,
Come, fire our hearts with love.
Come, thou of comforters the best,
Come, thou the soul's delicious guest,
The pilgrim's sweet relief;

Thou art our rest, in toil and sweat,
Refreshment in excessive heat,
  And comfort in our grief.
O sacred Light, shoot home thy darts,
O pierce the centre of those hearts
  Whose faith aspires to thee:
Without thy Godhead, nothing can
Have any worth, or price in man,
  Nothing can harmless be.
Lord, wash our sinful stains away,
Water from heaven our barren clay,
  Our wounds and bruises heal:
To thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,
Warm with thy fire our hearts of snow,
  Our wandering feet repel.
O grant thy faithful, dearest Lord,
Whose only hope is thy sure word,
  The seven gifts of thy Spirit:
Grant us in life t'obey thy grace;
Grant us in death to see thy face,
  And endless joys inherit. Amen.

V. Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come to thee

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the light of the Holy Ghost, hast instructed the hearts of the faithful: grant that by the same Spirit, we may have a right understanding in all things, and evermore rejoice in his holy consolation: through, &c. Amen.

O GOD, to whom every heart is open, every will declares itself, and from whom no secret lies concealed, purify, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, the thoughts of our hearts; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily praise thee: through, &c.

For our Enemies.

O GOD, the lover of peace and preserver of charity, give peace and true charity to all our enemies; grant them remission of their sins, and deliver us from their deceits: through, &c.

Against wicked Thoughts.

O ALMIGHTY and most gracious God, mercifully regard our prayers, and deliver our hearts from the temptations of evil thoughts; that our souls may be made worthy habitations for the Holy Ghost: through, &c.

For Charity.

O GOD, who makest all things beneficial to them that love thee, infuse into our hearts an inviolable love of thy charity: that such desires as we conceive by thy holy inspiration may by no temptation be ever changed: through, &c.

For Patience.

O GOD, who by the humility of thy only-begotten Son hast confounded the pride of the old enemy: grant, we beseech thee, that we may often call to mind what he meekly suffered for us, and by his example patiently endure all adversities: through, &c.

For the holy Catholic Church.

DEFEND, O Lord, thy servants, we humbly beseech thee, from all dangers of body and soul: and by the prayers of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed N. and all thy saints, grant us the mercies of peace and safety, that all adversities and errors being removed, thy Church may serve thee in secure liberty: through, &c.

A Prayer for Special Friends.

PRESERVE, O Lord, thy servants, N. N., for whose health, happiness, and prosperity we humbly offer up these our petitions to thy sacred Majesty; beseeching thee to grant them a persevering constancy in the Catholic faith, a safe passage through this life's dangerous pilgrimage; that no worldly, carnal, or diabolical temptation may have the power to separate them from thee, their prime and only good. Give them grace to correspond to that state

and condition of life wherein thou hast placed them; direct them in all their ways, defend them against all their enemies, and grant them finally a happy death and departure out of this world, and a speedy passage after death to the fruition of thy eternal felicity.

For a Friend in Tribulation.

VOUCHSAFE, O merciful Creator! to afford the sweetness of thy comforts to thy afflicted servant N., and to remove, according to thy accustomed mercy, the heavy burden of his calamities. Give him, we humbly beseech thee, patience in his sufferings, resignation to thy good pleasure, perseverance in thy service, and a happy translation from this afflicting life to thy eternal felicity.

A Prayer for all those who are engaged in the Employment or Service of Others.

TO thee, O God, I offer myself, with all my labors of this day, and most humbly beg thy blessing to accompany me in all my undertakings, that whatever I do or suffer, may be with the patience of an humble, penitent, and sincere desire of faithfully discharging my duty to thee, whom I desire to serve, in every thing belonging to my charge, without loss of time, neglect, omission, or waste of what is committed to me.

I beseech thee likewise to grant me the spirit of obedience, humility, and meekness, that I may cheerfully comply

with all lawful commands, without gainsaying, murmuring, or disrespect. May I never offend in word or action, or connive with others in what is evil: may I never give bad example, nor yield to others in whatever is injurious to my superiors, or displeasing to thee: may I live in peace with every one, give no provoking language, make no parties, carry no false or exaggerated stories; and if provocations are offered, may I suppress all passion, be moderate in my answers, and return good for evil.

In these and all my other duties assist me, O God, and help me to overcome all my usual weakness. May I ever continue under thy protection, and zealously walk in the paths of thy commandments, by avoiding evil, and doing good. To thee I consecrate all my labors, and beg thy blessing to attend me in all I shall do this day and evermore.

For the Master and Mistress of a Family.

O MERCIFUL God, I implore thy grace for my direction and help, in the execution of every thing thou hast committed to my charge. Grant me discretion, that I may discover in all things what is best to be done, that I may manage them according to the obligations thou hast laid upon me. Make me faithful in taking care of what, under thee, I have in charge, that nothing may suffer through my neglect, idleness, prodigality, or ill management. Let not passion have any influence on my words or actions, that I may reprove without anger, command without imperiousness, require service without cruelty, have compassion on such failings as proceed rather from weakness than neglect, and show a tenderness towards all under my charge, as knowing that both they and I serve one master in heaven, who, without respect to persons, will call us all to an equal account.

O Lord, let me never want thy grace to suppress every inclination that leads me from my duty. Let no kind of extravagance, excess, or disorder find encouragement in my house. Make me a zealous observer of good discipline, and watchful against all undue liberties. Suffer me not to be unjust to any one, nor connive at what ought to be reproved. Take from me all immoderate solicitude, and let no excess of worldly care withdraw my heart from the important concern of eternity. May my chief solicitude be, how to regulate all my concerns to thy honor and glory. I crave thy blessing this day and forever, on all I am to do or suffer, and humbly offer myself, and all I possess, to thy glory. Help me, O my God, according to my necessities, now and forever. Amen.

For Parents.

ASSIST me, O heavenly Father, in discharging my duty to my children. Endue me with true Christian wisdom, to discern what to grant, and what to deny. Let neither passion, ill-humor, nor fond-

ness make me yield to them in any thing that may be prejudicial to either soul or body. Enable me always to give them good example; to preserve them from bad company, or from hearing or doing what may induce them to commit evil; and whenever they do amiss, prompt me to give them timely correction, more out of love than from passion. Deliver me from all manner of prodigality—intemperance—idleness—vanity—neglect, or ill management, that may prevent me from providing for their comfortable subsistence in this life, as also from preparing them for happiness hereafter, by being over-solicitous to make them great in this world.

Direct me, O God, in every particular that can contribute to their Christian education, and enable me to remove from them whatever may do them hurt. Deliver me from all indiscreet partialities—from discouraging them—or showing any unreasonable uneasiness, which may force them upon rash

methods for the remedy of the trouble they find at home. Be thou a father to them, and supply, by thy goodness, whatever is wanting in me. Preserve them from the corruption of the world, from sin, and all evil, and excite them to all good. Deliver them from the effects of a vain and inconstant mind, and make them thy faithful servants here, that they may come at length to that happiness which Christ has purchased for them. Amen.

For Children under Parents' Care.

O HEAVENLY Father, who commandest us to love, obey, respect, and honor our parents, grant that I may always comply with this thy command, by being ever faithful in the performance of all it enjoins, and in never doing any thing contrary thereunto.

May I ever deny myself, in all lawful things, to please my parents; and obey them in whatever they can justly require or expect from me. Let me never contradict them, nor so dispute against

their proposals as to make them uneasy. May I always consult them in all that concerns them or myself. May I ever be deaf to those who suggest the despising or neglecting of my parents' advice. May I never afflict them by following bad counsel, wicked company, or any evil ways. May I always study to be their comfort, in recompense for all the care, trouble, and love they have had for me. May I never show impatience at their infirmities, much less mock at any weakness to which they are subject.

Direct me, O my God, in every thing relating to my duty, and suffer no change of circumstances to withdraw me from it. May I in no lawful concern whatever offend my parents on earth, or displease thee, my Father, who art in heaven.

A Prayer for Scholars before Study.

O INCOMPREHENSIBLE Creator, the true fountain of light, and only author of all knowledge; who, out

of the treasure of thy wisdom, hast, with wonderful harmony, disposed and ordered all the parts of the universe: vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to enlighten my understanding with the rays of thy wisdom, and to expel from it all darkness of sin and ignorance. Thou who makest eloquent the tongues of those that want utterance, instruct my tongue, and pour on my lips the grace of thy blessing. Give me a diligent and obedient spirit, quickness of apprehending, capacity of retaining, and the continual assistance of thy holy grace, that I may apply all my studies to thy honor, and the everlasting salvation of my own soul, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer which may be daily said by a Woman with Child.

O LORD God, Almighty Creator of heaven and earth, who hast made us all out of nothing, and redeemed us by the precious blood of thy only Son: look down upon thy poor handmaid here prostrate before thee, humbly imploring thy mercy, and begging thy blessing for herself and her child, which thou hast given her to conceive. Preserve, I beseech thee, the work of thy hands, and defend both me and the tender fruit of my womb from all perils and all evils; grant me in due

time a happy delivery, and bring my child safe to the font of baptism, that it may be there happily dedicated to thee, to love and serve thee faithfully forever. But, O my God, I have too much reason to fear lest my great and manifold sins should hinder thee from hearing my prayers, and draw down thy judgment on me and mine, instead of thy mercies, which I sue for. And therefore I am sensible the first thing I ought to do is, to repent from the bottom of my heart for all my offences, humbly confessing them, and continually to cry to thee for mercy. I detest then all my sins with my whole heart, and desire to lay them down here at thy feet, to be effaced and destroyed forever. I renounce and abhor them with my whole soul, because they are infinitely odious to thee, and wish I could expiate them with tears of blood: I humbly beg thy pardon for them all, and wish with all my heart I had never committed them: I here offer myself to make what satisfaction for them I am

able; and most willingly accept of whatever I may have to suffer in child-bearing, and offer it up now beforehand to thee for my sins, firmly resolving by thy grace, never wilfully to offend thee more. Behold here my poor heart, O Lord, and if it is not, at least I desire it should be, that contrite and humble heart which thou never despisest. In this disposition of soul, and with a lively confidence in thy mercies, and in the merits of the death and passion of Jesus Christ thy Son, I renew the petition I made before, and once more beg, for myself, thy grace, protection, and a happy delivery; and for my child, that thou wouldst be pleased to preserve it for baptism, sanctify it for thyself, and make it thine forever: through, &c. Amen.

For a Husband or Wife.

O GOD, who hast ordained the holy state of matrimony, wherein I am engaged, grant me grace to comply with all its obligations, and to perform them in such a manner as is becoming a Christian, not an unbeliever.

Preserve my love undefiled, according to thy divine command, and let the duty of love help to conduct me with comfort through all the obligations and difficulties of my state. Grant me discretion to manage all circumstances for the best, a true love for peace, and such

a discreet compliance as to resign my own thoughts and inclinations for preserving it. Inspire me with true humility and patience, that I may submit to and bear with all crosses in the manner thy apostle requires. Furnish me with all other helps, that whatever difficulties may occur, I may persevere with cheerfulness in discharging the duties of my state, and never yield so far to any weakness, ill-humor, or impatience, as to weaken, much less to break the bond which thou hast sanctified, and which cannot be dissolved but by death. May I always be faithful and indefatigable in the discharge of the duties of my state, doing and suffering whatever falls to my lot, with such absolute submission to thy will, that both in peace and trouble, in prosperity and adversity, I may ever remember to resign myself cheerfully, O God, to thy pleasure or permission; and under all difficulties, still labor to work out my salvation.

For Widows.

O GOD, the disposer of all things, who hast been pleased to bring me into this state, grant me the grace to bear all its troubles with patience, and to make use of all its advantages with Christian prudence; to be a widow indeed; to despise all earthly comforts; to place my whole trust in thee, and to improve the opportunity offered for securing to myself a happy eternity.

Teach me, O Lord, to make the best use of the liberty thou hast given me, and as long as I shall abide here in this pilgrimage, give me grace to employ my time in such exercises of piety, charity, and solid devotion, as may secure thy mercy to me, and effectually conduct me to the possession of that happiness which I desire.

May I ever despise the vanities of the world, and make some recompense for my past sins, follies, and extravagances. May I now spend as many hours in prayer and good works as I have misspent in vanity, idleness, or

dangerous entertainments. May I endeavor by charity to make amends for all that I have sinfully, idly, or prodigally misspent, and thus recover whatever prejudice my soul has suffered through my fault. May I ever study to improve my present circumstances in order to obtain eternal life. May my loss turn to my advantage, and under thy protection, O God, may I find greater comforts than what the world can afford. Assist me, O my God, and let thy grace support me under all my weaknesses.

For those who lead a Single Life.

O BLESSED Redeemer, who both by thyself and thy apostle, hast recommended a single life as the most proper state to serve thee in, without distraction, assist me by thy holy grace, that I may duly consider the advantages of it and make a right use of them, so as to find the good effect in my soul, for which the apostle gives it the preference to other states.

May I always rejoice under thy blessings, and being at liberty from those engagements which are attended with

endless solicitudes, and enslave the minds of men to the earth, may I avail myself of this my privilege in seeking and serving thee with greater freedom of spirit, having thee now for my spouse.

May I not be like one of the foolish virgins, but with the wise wait in readiness for thy coming. May I leave all for thee. May I love thee with my whole heart, desire thee with all my soul, adore thee with all my mind, and serve thee with all my strength: that I may thus become holy both in body and spirit. Support me under all my weaknesses; and defend me against all the snares, both of the devil, of the world, and of my own corruption. Take from me all affection for whatever flatters the senses, and let me admire nothing that is vain and empty. Inspire me with a dread of all that is dangerous, and let the great and prevailing object of my love, affections, and desires, centre in thee alone; that, having finished my life here, in imitation of thee,

I may wait on thee forever, in the joys of thy kingdom. Amen.

For the Rich.

MOST bountiful Lord, I return thee thanks for whatever I possess, and beg thy grace to make good use of whatever plenty, through thy mercy, I enjoy. May I always so govern myself, as to spend nothing in favor of any vicious or sinful inclination. May I be deaf to all expensive demands of vanity, gaming, appetite, and idleness, and put a stop to all those ways by which I have hitherto misspent what thou hast intrusted me with, and thereby often most ungratefully offended thy divine goodness.

I confess my past ingratitude, injustice, and impiety, in the abuse of thy favors and gifts, and earnestly beg pardon of thee, O Lord, for the same, and grace henceforward to do all thou requirest. To feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, &c., with the overplus of the

decent support of myself and of those under me; to lay up for myself a treasure in heaven, lest, like the rich man in the gospel, I suffer eternally in hell, for having so much indulged my passions, and applied thy favors to the service of idleness, vanity, and sin.

It is through thy great mercy, O my God, that I yet live, when thou mightest have cast me into endless flames. Thou sparest me, that I may make some amends for all the abuses of the goods thou hast so liberally bestowed on me. May I neither hereafter hoard up riches unnecessarily, nor spend them unprofitably. May I only make use of them for promoting thy honor and glory here, the relief of the poor, and for providing such necessaries as thou allowest. May I pay no regard to what the world applauds or censures, but only endeavor to please thee in a just disposal of what thou hast committed to my care, as being not the master but the steward thereof, and accountable to thee, O my God, the giver of whatever

I possess. Assist me herein, O God, and let not riches, nor the evils that they lead to, but thyself alone, be the desire of my heart.

Prayers before Mass.

THE ACTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY AS IN PAGE 29.

MERCIFUL Father, who didst so love the world as to give up for our redemption thy beloved Son; who in obedience to thee, and for us sinners, *humbled himself even unto the death of the Cross*, and continues to offer himself daily, by the ministry of his priests, for the living and the dead —we humbly beseech thee, that, penetrated with a lively faith, we may always assist with the utmost devotion and reverence, at the oblation of his most precious body and blood which is made at Mass: and thereby be made partakers of the sacrifice which he consummated on Calvary.

In union with thy holy Church and its minister, and invoking the blessed

Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the angels and saints, we now offer the adorable sacrifice of the Mass to thy honor and glory, to acknowledge thy infinite perfections, thy supreme dominion over all thy creatures, our entire subjection to thee, and total dependence on thy gracious providence, and in thanksgiving for all thy benefits; and for the remission of our sins.

We offer it for the propagation of the Catholic faith, for our most holy Father the Pope, for our archbishop (or bishop), and for all the pastors and clergy of thy holy Church, that they may direct the faithful in the way of salvation, for *the President*, and all that *are* in *high station*, that we may lead quiet and holy lives—for peace and good-will among all states and people—for the necessities of mankind—and particularly for the congregation here present: to obtain all blessings we stand in need of in this life, everlasting happiness in the next—and eternal rest to the faithful departed.

And as Jesus Christ so ordained, when he instituted at his last supper *this wonderful mystery of his power, wisdom, and goodness:* we offer thee this *Mass,* in grateful remembrance of all he has done and suffered for the love of us, making special commemoration of his bitter passion and death, and of his glorious Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. Vouchsafe, O Almighty and eternal God (for to thee alone so great a sacrifice is due), graciously to accept it, for these and all other purposes, agreeably to thy holy will. And to render it the more pleasing, we offer it to thee, through the same Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, our high Priest and victim; and in the name of the most holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; to whom be honor, praise, and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers at Mass.

Making the sign of the Cross with the Priest, say,

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IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will draw near to thy altar, O my God, there to gain new strength and vigor to my soul; separate me from those unbelievers who have no trust in thee; assist me with thy grace, that grace which comforts me when the remembrance of my sins afflicts and casts me down; that grace which lets me know there is an everlasting refuge in thy goodness, and that thou art ready to forgive even our great-

est sins upon a sincere repentance.

The Priest bowing down, says the Confiteor before he goes up to the altar: *say it with him as follows:*

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have very much sinned in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the archangel, blessed

John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you, Father, to pray to our Lord God for me.

As the Ps. Judica me, *the* Gloria in excelsis *and* Creed *are omitted in* Masses for the Dead, &c., *you also may pass them over.*

After the Confiteor, *say,*

O MY God, who hast commanded us to pray for one another, and in thy holy Church hast given, even to sinners, the power of absolving from sin, receive with equal bounty the prayers of thy people for the priest, and those of the priest for thy people.

We beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of those saints whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

When the Priest goes first to the Book, and says the part of the Mass called the Introit, *say*,

GRANT, O Lord, we may be truly prepared for the offering of this great sacrifice to thee this day; and because our sins alone can render us displeasing to thee, therefore we call aloud to thee for mercy.

At the Kyrie eleison, *say*,

HAVE mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me all my sins.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, have mercy on me.

At the Gloria in excelsis, *say*,

GLORY be to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good will. We praise thee; we bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee; we give thee thanks for thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-be-

gotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers: who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

When the Priest turns to the People, and says, Dominus vobiscum, *say,*

BE thou always with us, O my God, and let thy grace never depart from us.

Whilst he reads the Collects, *say*,

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we humbly beseech thee mercifully to give ear to the prayers of thy servant, which he offers thee in the name of thy Church, and in behalf of us thy people: accept them to the honor of thy name, and good of our souls; and grant us all those blessings which may any ways contribute to our salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the Epistle, *say*,

BE Thou, O Lord, eternally praised and blessed, for having communicated to the holy prophets and apostles thy Spirit,

disclosing to them admirable secrets, redounding to thy glory and our great good. We firmly believe their word, because it is thine. Give us, we beseech thee, the happiness to understand from the Church, by their instructions, what is profitable, and grace to practise the same all our lives.

When he reads the Gradual, *say*,

HOW wonderful, O Lord, is thy name through the whole earth! I will bless our Lord at all times: his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Be thou my God and my Protector: in thee alone will I put my trust,

let me not be confounded forever.

At the Gospel, *when the People rise up, say,*

MAYEST thou be ever adored and praised, O Lord, who, not content to instruct and inform us by thy prophets and apostles, hast even vouchsafed to speak to us by thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, commanding us by a voice from heaven to hear him; grant us, O merciful God, the grace to profit by his divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of thee, dread Jesus, in thy gospel, is truth itself: nothing but wisdom in thy actions; power and

goodness in thy miracles; light and instruction in thy words. With thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life: to whom shall we go, but to thee, eternal Fountain of Truth? Give me, O God, grace to practise what thou commandest, and command what hou pleasest.

At the Credo, *or* Nicene Creed, *say*,

I BELIEVE, O Lord, all thou hast taught me by thy holy Church: in this faith, by the assistance of thy grace, I desire to live and die: by thy divine grace, I am convinced of the sincerity and wisdom of those who have delivered these sacred

truths to me. Their miraculous success is a sufficient proof. Where shall I go, my Lord? Thou hast the words of eternal life. Of thy truth thus delivered, my reason and will shall never doubt, though my senses and vain imaginations should. I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.

When, at the Offertory, *he* uncovers the Chalice, *say*,

ACCEPT, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this unspotted Host, which I, thy unworthy servant, offer thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present, and for all faithful Chris-

tians, living and dead, that it may avail me and them to life everlasting. Amen.

At the Offering of the Chalice, *say*,

WE offer thee, O Lord, the Chalice of salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may ascend before thy divine Majesty, as a sweet perfume, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world.

Accept us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility and a contrite heart: and grant that the sacrifice which we offer this day in thy sight, may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

When he washes his Fingers at the Corner of the Altar, *say*,

THOU, Lord, who once vouchsafedst to wash thy disciples' feet before their invitation to thy holy table, wash us also, we beseech thee, O Lord, and wash us again: not only our feet and hands, but our hearts, our desires, our souls, that we may be wholly innocent and pure.

Go on, and pray.

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation we make thee, in memory of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of the ever-blessed Mary ever Virgin; of blessed John the Baptist; of the holy apostles Peter and Paul; of these, and of all the saints; that it may be available to their honor and our salvation. And may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Orate Fratres, *say*,

MAY our Lord receive this sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the benefit of his whole Church.

Or whilst he reads the secret Prayers proper for the Day, *in a low voice*, *say*,

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation, which we thy servants are making to thee; that as we offer it to the honor of thy name, so it may be to us a means of obtaining thy grace here, and in the next life, everlasting happiness. Amen.

When the Priest says in a loud voice, Per omnia sæcula sæculorum, *say*,

IT is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, through Christ our Lord; by whom the angels praise thy Majesty, the dominations adore it, the powers tremble before it, the heavens and heavenly virtues, and blessed seraphim with common jubilee glorify it; together with whom we beseech thee, that we may be admitted to join our voices, saying in an humble manner,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of

Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

What follows is called the Canon of the Mass; *say then,*

MOST merciful Father, who hast given us thy only Son to be our daily sacrifice, incline thine ears to our prayers, and favor our desires; protect, unite, and govern thy whole Church throughout the world, pour forth thy blessing on his present Holiness, that Prelate who has a particular charge over us, and all true professors of the Catholic faith.

Whilst he makes his Memento, *or* Commemoration of the Living, make yours also, *praying in particular* for yourself and Friends, &c.

I OFFER thee, O eternal Father, with this thy minister at the altar, this oblation of the body and blood of thy only Son, to thy honor and glory: in remembrance of my Saviour's passion, in thanksgiving for all thy benefits, in satisfaction for all my sins, and for the obtaining of thy grace, whereby I may be enabled to live virtuously and die happily. I desire thee likewise to accept it, O God, for my parents [*if alive*], relatives, friends, and benefactors; grant them all blessings, spiritual and temporal. I offer it up also [*name the particular intention you offer it up for: as* for obtaining this virtue, overcoming that vice; for blessings, such as health, *&c.*] Likewise for all that are in mis-

ery; for those I have any ways injured in word or deed; for all my enemies: for the conversion of sinners, and enlightening all that sit in darkness. Pour forth thy blessings on all, according to their different necessities, through the merits of thy only Son our Lord.

Proceed and say,

GIVE ear, we beseech thee, to the prayers of thy servant, who is here appointed to make this oblation in our behalf, and grant it may be effectual for the obtaining of all those blessings which he asks for us.

Behold, O Lord, we all here present to thee in this bread and wine the symbols of our perfect

union. Grant, O Lord, that they may be made for us the true body and blood of thy dear Son; that being consecrated to thee by this holy Victim, we may live in thy service, and depart this life in thy grace.

At the Elevation, *or* lifting up of the Sacred Host, in Memory of Christ being lifted up on the Cross, *say*,

MOST adorable body, I adore thee with all the powers of my soul. Lord, who hast given thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely thine. I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.

Most merciful Saviour, be thou my protector; strengthen and defend me by thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. Amen.

At the Elevation of the Chalice, *say*,

MOST adorable blood, that washest away all our sins, I adore thee: happy we, could we return our life and blood for thine, O blessed Victim.

O Jesus, do thou cleanse, sanctify, and preserve our souls to eternal life. Live, Jesus, in us, and may we live in thee. Amen.

After the Elevation, *say*,

IT is now, O Lord, with grateful hearts we call to mind the sacred mysteries of thy passion and death, of thy resurrection and ascension. Here is thy body that was broken: here is thy blood that

was shed for us, of which these exterior signs are but the figures, and yet in reality contain the substance. It is now we truly offer thee, O Lord, that pure and holy victim, which thou hast been pleased to give us; of which all the other sacrifices were but so many types and figures.

Whilst he makes his Memento, *in silence*, for the Dead, make yours also, *thus*,

I OFFER thee again, O Lord, this holy sacrifice of the body and blood of thy only Son, in behalf of the faithful departed, and in particular for the souls of [*here name whom you chiefly propose to pray for*] my parents

[*if dead*], relatives, benefactors, neighbors, &c. Likewise of such as I have any ways injured, or been the occasion of their sins; of such as have injured me, and been my enemies; of such as die in war, or have none to pray for them, &c. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

When he strikes his Breast and says aloud, Nobis quoque peccatoribus, *say*,

VOUCHSAFE to grant the same to us, poor and miserable sinners: judge us not according to our demerits; but

through the infinite multitude of thy mercies, in which we hope, liberally extend to us thy grace and pardon.

We ask it of thee, in the name of thy dear Son, who liveth and reigneth eternally with thee, and in that form of prayer which he himself hath taught us.

At the Pater Noster, *say with him*,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be

done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Deliver us from those evils which we labor under at present; from past evils, which can be nothing but our manifold sins; and from all the evils to come, which will be the just chastisement of our offences, if our prayers, and those more powerful ones of thy saints, who intercede for us, intercept not thy justice, or excite not thy bounty.

At his breaking and putting a Particle of the Host into the Chalice, say,

THY body was broken, and thy blood shed for us; grant that the commemoration of this holy Mystery may obtain for us peace: and that those who receive it may find everlasting rest.

At the Agnus Dei, *say with the Priest,*

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God,

who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

At the Prayer before Communion, *say*,

IN saying to thy Apostles, My peace I leave you, my peace I give you: thou hast promised, O Lord, to all thy Church, that peace which the world cannot give; peace with thee, and peace with ourselves.

Let nothing, O Lord, ever interrupt this holy peace: let nothing separate us from thee, to whom we heartily desire to be united, through the blessed sacrament of peace and reconciliation. Let this food of angels strengthen us in every Christian duty, so as never more to yield

under temptations, or fall into our common weaknesses.

At the Domine non sum dignus, *striking your Breast thrice, with Humility and Contrition, say,*

LORD, I am not worthy thou shouldst enter under my roof; say only the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Such as are not prepared to communicate really, may communicate spiritually, by saying as follows:

MOST loving Jesus, I adore thee with a lively faith, who art present in this sacrament by

virtue of thy infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. But, conscious of my infirmities and sins, I dare not now receive thee sacramentally. All my hope is in thee! I love thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so loved me: and therefore I desire to receive thee now spiritually. Come therefore, O Lord, to me in spirit, and heal my sinful soul. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with thy sacred body and blood: deliver me from all sin, and make me always obedient to thy commands; and let me never be separated from thee, my Saviour! who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, forever and ever. Amen.

During the Ablution *and* Wiping *of the* Chalice, *say*,

GIVE us, O Lord, a part in the fruits of thy death and passion; the sacred memory of which we have commemorated in our present sacrifice and communion. Happy those who sit at thy table to partake of the bread of life. O Jesus, my soul sighs after thee! I long with thy apostle to be dissolved, and to be with thee. My heart, and my whole body, with transports of joy, seek the living God.

My soul languishes with the ardent desire of entering into the house of our Lord. I love thee, O my God, with all my heart! O that I could always

enjoy the presence of thy adorable body, which is the pledge of our eternal happiness. I adore thy goodness, and return thee infinite thanks, O gracious Lord, for thy inestimable favor and mercy, in admitting me to be present this day at the dread sacrifice, where thou art both Priest and Victim. Make me, O God, always sensible of this great blessing, and let not my unworthiness put a stop to the effect of thy mercy and goodness.

Whilst he reads the Communion, say,

LET it be now, O Lord, the effect of thy mercy, that we, who have been present at this

holy mystery, may find the benefit of it in our souls.

At the Post-Communion, say,

WE give thee thanks, O God, for thy mercy, in admitting us to have a part in offering this sacrifice to thy holy name: accept it now to thy glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness.

Proceed as follows:

MOST gracious God, Father of mercy, grant, I beseech thee, that this adorable sacrifice of the blessed body and blood of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may obtain for us at thy hands, mercy, and the remission of all our sins. Amen.

When he turns to the People and gives them his Blessing, *make you also the sign of the Cross, and say,*

✠THE Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and dwell in our hearts forever. Amen.

Whilst he concludes with the last Gospel, *say,*

O ETERNAL Word, speak to my soul, which adores thee in profound silence; thou art the great Creator of all things; abandon not, I beseech thee, thy own creature; be thou my life, my light, and my all.

O Light eternal! enlighten me in this present life, and in the life to come.

Reign in me as in thine own inheritance: for thou, O Lord, hast made me: thou hast redeemed me! May I be ever thine.

I have sinned too much against heaven, and before thee, and am not worthy to be called thy son.

Thou God Incarnate, have pity on my frail and mortal flesh, and grant it may one day see what it here adores below. Amen.

I RENDER thee all possible praise and thanks, O Sovereign Creator, for the favor I have this day received from thy bounty, and of which many better deserving Christians are deprived. Re-

ceive, O Lord, my unworthy prayers, supply all my defects, pardon all my distractions and indevotions, and grant that, by the strength and virtue of these divine mysteries, I may go on cheerfully in the path of thy commandments, love and service, amidst all the temptations, troubles, and dangers of my life's pilgrimage, till I shall one day happily arrive at thy heavenly kingdom, where, with the blessed angels and saints, I shall more clearly contemplate thee, more perfectly enjoy thee, and more adequately celebrate thy infinite goodness and mercy, with uninterrupted canticles of eternal praise, admiration, and gratitude.

Happy are they who dwell in

thy house, O Lord: forever and ever they will praise thee.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive honor, glory, and power.

Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy is everlasting.

Who shall relate the wonders of the Lord? who shall publish his praises?

Devotions for Confession and Communion.

GOD, who wills not the death, but the repentance of a sinner, has, in the sacrament of penance, mercifully provided Christians with the means whereby they may obtain pardon of their sins, and be again restored to the favor of

their heavenly Father, which they had forfeited by their offences. So that, whoever is conscious to himself of having provoked the anger of God by his sins, ought diligently to apply himself to seek a reconciliation with him in the manner himself has prescribed and commanded. But then it ought to be his principal care, sincerely to perform all that is exacted of him, with a seriousness proportioned to the greatness of the work he is engaged in; ever remembering, that as mercy and pardon are promised to those who perform it worthily, so nothing less than a dreadful curse is pronounced against all those that do it negligently.

A Prayer before the Examination of Conscience.

I AM perfectly sensible, O my God, that I have many ways offended thy divine Majesty, and provoked thy wrath by my sins; and that if I obtain not pardon, I shall be cast out of thy sight forever; I desire therefore at

present to call myself to an account, and look into all the sins whereby I have displeased thee: but, O my God, how miserably shall I deceive myself, if thou assist me not in this work by thy heavenly light. Grant me therefore at present thy grace, whereby I may discover all my imperfections,—see all my failings,—and duly call to mind all my sins,—for I know that nothing is hidden from thy sight. But I confess myself in the dark as to my own failings: my passions blind me, self-love flatters me, presumption deludes me; and though I have many sins which stare me in the face, and cannot be hidden, yet how many too are there quite concealed from me! But discover even those to me, O Lord; enlighten my darkness, cure my blindness, and remove every veil that hides my sins from me, that I may be no longer a secret to myself, nor a stranger to my own failings, nor even flatter myself with the thoughts of having repented, and at the same time nourish folly and vice within my breast. Come,

Holy Ghost, and by a beam of thy divine light illumine my understanding, that I may have a perfect view of all my sins and iniquities, and that, sincerely repenting of them, I may know thee, and be again received into thy favor.

A Method of Examination of Conscience, according to the threefold Duty we owe: 1. *To God;* 2. *To our Neighbor;* 3. *To ourselves.*

I. *In relation to God.*

HAVE you omitted morning or evening prayer, or neglected to make your daily examination of conscience? Have you prayed negligently, and with wilful distractions? 2. Have you spent your time, especially on Sundays and holydays, not in sluggishly lying a-bed, or in any sort of idle entertainment, but in reading, praying, or other pious exercises; and taken care that those under your charge have done the like, and not wanted the in-

structions necessary for their condition, nor time for prayer, or to prepare for the sacraments? 3. Have you spoken irreverently of God and holy things? Have you taken his name in vain, or told untruths? 4. Have you omitted your duty through human respect, interest, compliance, &c.? 5. Have you been zealous for God's honor, for justice, virtue, and truth, and reproved such as act otherwise? 6. Have you resigned your will to God in troubles, necessities, sickness, &c.? Have you faithfully resisted thoughts of infidelity, distrust, presumption, impurity, &c.?

II. *In relation to your Neighbor.*

HAVE you disobeyed your superiors, murmured against their commands, or spoken of them contemptuously? 2. Have you been troubled, peevish, or impatient, when told of your faults, and not corrected them? Have you scorned the good advice of others, or censured their proceedings? 3. Have you offended any one by inju-

rious threatening words or actions? 4. Or lessened their reputation by any sort of detraction, or in any matter of importance? 5. Or spread any report, true or false, that exposed your neighbor to contempt, or made him undervalued? 6. Have you, by carrying stories backward and forward, created discord and misunderstanding between neighbors? 7. Have you been froward or peevish towards any one in your carriage, speech, or conversation? 8. Or taken pleasure to vex, mortify, or provoke them to swear, curse, or any ways offend God? 9. Have you mocked or reproached them for their corporal or spiritual imperfections? 10. Have you been excessive in reprehending those under your care, or been wanting in giving them just reproof? 11. Have you borne with their oversights and imperfections, and given them good counsel? 12. Have you been solicitous for such as are under your charge; and provided for their souls and bodies?

III. *In relation to yourself.*

HAVE you been obstinate in following your own will, or in defending your own opinion in things either indifferent, dangerous, or scandalous? 2. Have you taken pleasure in hearing yourself praised, or yielded to thoughts of vanity? 3. Have you indulged yourself in overmuch ease, or any ways yielded to sensuality? 4. Has your conversation been edifying and moderate; or have you been froward, proud, or troublesome to others? 5. Have you spent overmuch time in play, or useless employments, and thereby omitted, or put off your devotions to unseasonable times?

If such as confess often, fall into any of the more grievous sins not here mentioned, their own memory will easily suggest them; since it is impossible for a tender soul to forget any mortal offence, which must of necessity afflict her, and therefore it may not be necessary for them to turn over the following table

of sins, which is chiefly intended for general confessions.

An Examination for Confession.

The First Commandment is broken,

First, by Sins against Faith.

TO be ignorant of the principal mysteries of Christianity; of the Creed, of the Commandments of God and his Church, or of the Sacraments. 2. Wilfully to doubt, or obstinately to err in any point of faith. 3. To have delayed embracing the true faith, out of human respect, interest, fear, &c. 4. To favor heretics, or wicked men, in supporting or approving their opinions or actions. 5. To endanger our faith by reading their books with pleasure. 6. To examine divine mysteries with curiosity, and secrets of Providence by pure human reason. 7. To contemn or deride holy

things. 8. To abuse the words of the holy scripture, by perverting them to a wicked or profane sense, making them subservient to jests, or other ill purposes. 9. To desire to know things to come, which belong to God alone, or things past, or present, which are hid from us, and for this end to employ unlawful means, as *fortune-tellers*, or other superstitious inventions. 10. To give credit to dreams, or make superstitious observations; to employ prayers or sacred names to ill uses; to use charms, &c.

Secondly, by Sins against Hope.

BY distrusting the mercies of God, and despairing of the pardon of our sins. 2. By presuming on God's goodness, without the least concern of amendment. 3. By deferring our conversion or repentance till the end of life. 4. By exposing ourselves to the danger of offending God, either by company, reading, or otherwise, which is called tempting God. 5. By exposing

ourselves without necessity to some corporal danger; as sickness, wounds, or death. 6. By neglecting the remedies which God has appointed in these dangers, as physic for the body, or prayer and the sacraments for the soul.

Thirdly, by Sins against Charity.

BY not loving God above all things, but rather choosing wilfully to offend him, than suffer any loss of honor, riches, &c. 2. By preferring the love of men before the love of God; or offending him through fear of being jeered or slighted. 3. By omitting our duty through shame, or human respect. 4. By thinking seldom of God, or being ashamed to speak of him; or by not hearkening to his inspirations, by forgetting his benefits, or neglecting to give him thanks.

Fourthly, by Sins against Religion.

BY not adoring God, or praying to him but seldom. 2. By praying without attention, and with wilful

distractions. 3. By a want of respect to God in time of prayer; or by talking, or being present in holy places, without a becoming modesty and gravity in our looks, words, and actions.

Fifthly, by Sins against the Care we ought to have of our Salvation.

BY a love of idleness. 2. By being too solicitous in temporal concerns, and neglecting the means of salvation. 3. By deferring amendment of life, or immediately desisting, after having begun it. 4. By neglecting the means of salvation; as the sacraments, prayer, good works, or performing them without devotion.

The Second Commandment is broken,

BY taking the name of God in vain. 2. By swearing to what one knows or doubts to be false. 3. By swearing to what is unjust, or prejudicial to others. 4. By swearing without necessity, though the thing itself be

true and just. 5. By blaspheming God or holy things. 6. By cursing one's self, or others, or taking pleasure in hearing others swear or curse; or by provoking them to it. 7. By not reprehending them when one could and ought. 8. By making a vow to do what is impossible to fulfil; or to do what is evil and displeasing to God; or to do what one never intends to perform. 9. By breaking lawful vows, or deferring to fulfil them without just cause.

The Third Commandment is broken,

BY doing servile works on Sunday, or causing others to do the like without necessity. 2. By employing a considerable part of Sundays or holydays in temporal affairs, as is often the case with merchants, advocates, solicitors, &c. 3. By omitting to hear Mass, or not hearing it with due attention and reverence. 4. By spending Sundays and holydays in idleness, gaming, dancing, feasting, and other recreations. 5. By not dedicating a consid-

erable part of those days to reading and praying, and by not taking care that those under your charge do the like.

The Fourth Commandment is broken,

BY children not paying due respect to their parents, or by despising them, either in their hearts or actions. 2. By not loving them, but wishing their death, or some misfortune; or by forsaking them in their necessities. 3. By not cheerfully obeying them; or by obeying them in things unlawful. 4. By slighting their representations, and resisting their corrections. 5. By putting them into a passion, and not taking care to pacify them. 6. By not executing their last will and testament, or by delaying to do so.

II. By servants. 1. By disobeying their masters. 2. By a want of diligence in the trust that is required of them. 3. By neglecting the reasonable and just interests of their masters or employers. 4. By letting them sustain any kind of loss, through their sloth,

neglect, &c. 5. By obeying them in things unlawful; as lying, swearing, stealing, &c.

III. By parents not discharging their duty towards their children. 1. In not loving them, and supplying their corporal necessities. 2. In not being careful of their salvation. 3. In not correcting them when it is necessary; in flattering their passions, or indulging their evil inclinations. 4. In treating them with too much severity. 5. In not setting them good example. 6. In forcing them in the choice of their state of life.

IV. By masters. 1. In not taking due care to regulate the life and conversation of their servants. 2. In not being watchful over them, to reprehend their faults; make them say their prayers; go to Mass on Sundays and holydays, and frequent the sacraments. 3. In commanding them to do something evil. 4. In treating them injuriously. 5. In not paying them their wages.

The Fifth Commandment is broken,

BY anger, quarrelling, or threatening; or by injurious or reproachful words or actions against our neighbors. 2. By revenge, or deliberate thoughts or desires of revenge. 3. By provoking, striking, challenging, wounding, or being the cause of another's death. 4. By bearing malice, refusing to salute or speak to any neighbor out of hatred or aversion, or refusing to be reconciled to him.

The Sixth Commandment is broken,

BY the *hearing.*—In willingly giving ear to immodest words, discourses, songs, &c.

II. By the *sight.*—1. In looking on immodest objects. 2. In reading or keeping immodest books; lending them to others; or neglecting to suppress them when we may.

III. By the *tongue.*—1. In speaking immodest words. 2. In relating improp-

er stories or wicked actions of ourselves or others.

IV. By the *touch.*—In using indecent actions.

V. By *thoughts.*—By entertaining impure thoughts wilfully and with delight.

VI. By *immodest actions.*—1. In committing the sin of impurity; and whether effected by soliciting, seducing with promises, or forcing; whether it be fornication, adultery, or incest. 2. In sins against nature.

The Seventh Commandment is broken,

BY taking another's goods, and to what value. 2. By retaining what we know belongs to another. 3. By denying our debts, or wilfully delaying payment, to the prejudice of our neighbors. 4. By making unjust bargains or contracts, into which every trade or profession ought to make a strict inquiry. 5. By causing any damage to our neighbors. 6. By putting off false and counterfeit money. 7. By desiring another's

property. 8. By not giving alms when necessity requires. 9. By not paying dues to your pastors, or by not contributing to the decent support of religious worship. 10. By simony.

The Eighth Commandment is broken,

BY witnessing what is false, or defending a false accusation, as in lawyers and solicitors; or condemning the innocent, or discharging the guilty, as judges and arbitrators. 2. By detraction, either in laying something false to another's charge, or reporting for truth what is merely doubtful; or in revealing something as yet secret and unknown, though true, to the prejudice of some third person; with a declaration, whether it be done out of levity and indiscretion, or out of malice or ill-will; whether in the presence of many, or in a matter of importance. 3. By lying, or speaking what we judge to be otherwise than we say: whether out of custom, or to the considerable prejudice of others. 4. By hypocrisy, which is a lie in action.

The Ninth and Tenth are broken,

BY all unlawful and wilful desires of impurity and theft: which have been already mentioned in the sixth and seventh commandments.

The Precepts of the Church.

TO keep certain appointed days holy, with the obligation of hearing Mass, and resting from servile works. II. To observe the days of abstinence and fasting. III. To confess our sins to our pastors at least once a year. IV. To receive the blessed sacrament at Easter, or thereabouts. V. To contribute to the support of our pastors.

The examination on these precepts being very easy, we therefore proceed to

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS.

The Sin of Pride consists,

IN entertaining too great an opinion of ourselves, or in valuing ourselves above our deserts. 2. In publishing what we think good in ourselves, that we may be esteemed by others. 3. In arrogance, by attributing to ourselves the good we have not. 4. In presumption and ambition, by confiding too much in our own strength, conceiting ourselves capable of accomplishing things above our abilities, and in rashly attempting them. 5. In contempt of others, on account of the good opinion we have of ourselves, and when this contempt is manifested by words or actions, or by being severe and exacting on inferiors. 6. In want of submission to our superiors, by disobeying them,

blaming their conduct, or murmuring against them. 7. In not acknowledging our faults: or when, in confessing the facts, we maintain we have done well, or at least allege false excuses. 8. In contempt of admonitions and corrections. 9. In discord. 10. In hypocrisy. 11. In curiosity, which inclines us to know things prejudicial to our salvation. 12. By ingratitude for God's benefits.

The sins of covetousness, luxury, and sloth have been already examined in the first, sixth, and seventh commandments.

The Sin of Gluttony,

IN eating and drinking to excess, as far as they are prejudicial, either to our health or our reason, or any ways scandalous, or of ill example to others.

The Sin of Envy.

TROUBLE at the good success of our neighbor, or when we endeavor to do him an unkindness, or speak often against him or create an ill opin-

ion of him in the mind of another. 2. When we rejoice at our neighbor's harm.

The Sin of Anger.

NOT to endure any thing contrary to our inclinations. 2. To suffer ourselves to be hurried away by the emotions of wrath against those that give us any trouble. 3. To proceed to quarrels, injurious language, oaths, curses, threats; to take revenge, or to desire and wish to be in a capacity of exercising it. 4. To refuse to pardon injuries, or to be reconciled to our enemies, or to such of our neighbors with whom we have had some misunderstanding, or falling out.

A Prayer for obtaining Contrition.

I HAVE now here before me, O Lord, a sad prospect of the manifold offences whereby I have displeased thy divine Majesty, and which I am assured will appear in judgment against me, if, by repentance and a hearty sorrow, my soul be not prepared to receive thy pardon. But this sorrow and this repentance, O Lord, must be the free gift of thy mercy, without which all my en-

deavors will be in vain, and I shall be forever miserable. Have pity therefore on me, O merciful Father, and pour forth into my heart thy grace, whereby I may sincerely repent of all my sins: grant me true contrition, that I may bewail my base ingratitude, and grieve from my heart for having offended so good a God. Permit me not to be deluded by a false sorrow, as I fear I have been too often, through my own weakness and neglect: but let it now be thy gift descending from thee, the Father of Lights, that so my repentance may be accompanied by an amendment and a change of life, that being thus acquitted from the guilt of my sins, I may once more be received into the number of thy servants. Amen.

Prayers before Confession.

HAVE pity on me, O God, and let me partake of the effects of thy great mercy. I here acknowledge, and am sensible of the multitude and enormity of my sins. It is thou,

O my God, perfidious creature as I am, whom I have offended; it is against thee that I have rebelled. To follow my pleasures, and indulge my passions, I have abandoned thee, and lost thy grace; I, whom thou hast created to thine own likeness, and redeemed by the blood of thy only Son, have, by my sins, made my soul resemble those monsters of ingratitude, the infernal spirits; like them, I have forfeited heaven, my blessed country, and deserved hell and damnation, which I shall never be able to escape without the assistance of thy boundless mercy. The injury I have offered thee, O Lord, is so great, that it caused thy Son Jesus Christ, my Saviour, to suffer death. How, then, O my God! how can I sufficiently deplore so great an evil! Who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes, that I may incessantly deplore my misery and malice, and do penance for my sin!

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, to whom are due all honor and glory:

behold, I (a miserable and unworthy sinner, who have hitherto lived in ingratitude and rebellion) come to thee, my Creator, my God, my Redeemer, my merciful Judge, and my Saviour, accusing myself, and laying before thee all the abominations by which I have blasphemed thy sacred name, transgressed thy precepts, contemned thy will, and defiled both my soul and body. O my God, when I behold my misery and consider how often I have abused thy gifts and blessings, despised thy goodness, neglected thy service, added daily sin to sin, and preferred myself, my passions, and other creatures, to my duty and thy commands, I cannot but consider myself as unworthy either to lift up my eyes to heaven, or appear in thy presence. But whither, O Lord my God, shall I flee from thy face? Where shall I conceal myself from thy anger? Who can restore me to thy favor? It is only from thy goodness that I can expect so great a blessing: for art not thou my Father, whose mercies are in-

finite, and whose compassion knows no bounds? And I, though unworthy of the name of thy child, acknowledge no other Father but thee. Wherefore I prostrate myself at the feet of thy mercy, and beseech thee, by thy almighty power, goodness, and wisdom, to pardon, purify, and acquit me from the guilt of all my sins. Receive me again into thy favor, O Lord, and confirm me in all good, that my soul, being entirely possessed by thee, may be prepared for glory. And that my petition may find acceptance, I appeal to thee, sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, the Advocate and Mediator betwixt us sinners and thy eternal Father, humbly beseeching thee, through that infinite charity which brought thee from heaven to the ignominy of the cross, and thy precious blood spilt thereon, that I may now partake of the benefit of thy sufferings, and be cleansed from all my offences: that by thy assistance I may sincerely repent and amend of all my failings: that dying to myself and the world, I

may live only to thee, and never suffer either passion or pleasure to divide me from thee any more.

ALAS, my Father and my God, how comes it to pass that I should have so often offended thee! Thou seest, O Lord, neither goodness nor health in me; have mercy therefore on me, for I have sinned against thee. Heal my soul, O Lord, for thou only art my hope and strength. Alas, my God, how many and dangerous are my wounds! how great my weakness and misery, for the curing of which thou wast crucified and slain: and to whom shall I complain of all these my evils, if not to thee, O Lord, the Saviour and Redeemer of my soul? Be merciful, therefore, to me a sinner, sweet Jesus! for nothing is more pleasing to thee than to have compassion on those that are miserable. Restore me to thy favor; receive me again into thy friendship, and cast me not off on account of my offences; for what can I, miserable crea-

ture, do but offend? And what canst thou, O infinite Goodness, do, but have mercy and spare? Spare me, therefore, according to thine infinite goodness, and grant me now tears of sincere repentance, that I may mourn for the evils I have committed. Grant that I may sincerely grieve for having sinned against thee, my God, my Creator, and Redeemer. Soften my hardened breast, and inflame my frozen heart, that I may, with unfeigned sorrow, repent for not loving, nay, for despising and offending thee. What shall I, most miserable and wicked creature, do, O God, to serve thee? Whilst I behold myself, I see no hopes of amendment; all my confidence and hopes of mercy are in thee. Help me, therefore, O Lord, and be thou the strength of my soul, that I may from this moment detest and forsake all my past evils; that I may conquer my passions, reform all my bad habits, and by a true change of life and manners, be entirely united to thee, and with thee live forever. Amen.

TO thee, O merciful Jesus, in the bitterness of my soul I come, beseeching thee to have compassion on me, and deliver me from my sins: despise not, O God, the cries of thy lost sheep; reject not the sighs of thy prodigal child, who desires to return home to thee, and to be received again into the number of thy servants. I am sorry for all the sins I have committed, and detest them here in thy presence: because I love thee above all things, and honor thee as my gracious God, worthy of infinite love. And for this reason I now firmly purpose to suffer all evils, nay, even death itself, rather than willingly consent to sin. I resolve to make an exact confession of all my offences, faithfully to discharge whatever shall be enjoined for my punishment or amendment, and carefully to avoid all occasions of sin. And if any thing be wanting of true contrition to this my sorrow, may thy sacred passion, O blessed Jesus, thy precious blood and infinite merits, supply all the defects of my weakness: for

it is in thy death I place all my trust: through thee I firmly hope to obtain pardon of all my sins, grace to overcome my vicious customs, and perseverance to the end in the good resolutions I have now made in thy presence. As, therefore, it is by thee I come to the knowledge of my misery, so it is by thee my good purpose and sorrow for my offences must be perfected. May the fire, therefore, of divine love now inflame my soul, and consume therein whatever is displeasing to thy infinite goodness. Sanctify my heart—purify my affections and desires—that, dying to myself, I may ever live to thee, and at length depart this life in thy grace and favor. Amen.

Such as go to confession over-night, or otherwise have leisure, may use the following Aspirations, either before or after confession, with benefit to their souls:

MY Lord and my God, I sincerely acknowledge myself a vile and wretched sinner, unworthy to appear in thy presence; but do thou have mercy on me and save me.

O God, my sovereign good, how far have I wandered from thee by sins! How long have I dwelt at a distance from thee in the region of misery, where I had quite lost myself.

Most loving Father, I have sinned

against heaven, and before thee, and am unworthy to be called thy child; make me as one of thy servants, and may I for the future be ever faithful to thee.

It truly grieves me, O my God, to have sinned, and so many times transgressed thy law: but wash me now from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

I detest my sins, O Lord: I abhor my wickedness: I confess my ingratitude, and seek refuge in thy mercy.

From this moment I purpose never more to offend thee: O let me suffer all kinds of pain and infamy, nay, even death itself, rather than return to my former course of life, and live thy enemy.

Loving Father, assist me by thy grace, that I may bring forth worthy fruits of penance, and not suffer my sins to go unpunished.

I have wandered like a sheep that is gone astray; but I hear thy sweet voice crying after me, in the most affectionate

manner imaginable, "Come, dear soul, thou hast gone after many lovers, but return to me, and I will receive thee yet again." *Jer.* iii.

II. Now I begin, O Lord, now I begin to live, not trusting in my own strength, or in the resolutions I make, but in the multitude of thy mercies.

Perfect, O God, the work which thou hast now begun in me. Thou hast given me peace and understanding; but, wretched sinner that I am, how ungratefully have I abused all thy gifts! And yet now, with all the tenderness of a loving Father, thou recallest me from sin, and rescuest me from hell and everlasting damnation.

Alas! my soul is full of anguish and confusion at the recollection of the many sins whereby I have offended thee, my merciful Redeemer, made myself a slave to the devil, and provoked thy anger.

O that I had never transgressed thy commandments, nor fallen into such an abyss of misery and calamity! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls

who have preserved their innocence: O that I had been so happy!

But now I am resolved, with the help of thy grace, to be more watchful over myself, to amend my failings, and fulfil thy law. Look down on me with the eyes of mercy, O God, and blot out my sins.

Forgive me what is past, and, through the bowels of thy infinite goodness, secure me by thy most efficacious grace against all my wonted failings for the time to come.

Alas! how slothful and careless have I hitherto been! I have deferred my repentance, rejected thy helps, contemned thy visits, and been deaf to thy calls. Lord, what shall I do? or what course shall I take? It grieves me from my heart that I have ever offended thee; but do thou vouchsafe to have mercy on me, O sovereign Lord of my life.

Behold, thou seest nothing good nor wholesome in my soul. I am blind and miserable, and without thee, O God, I can do nothing.

III. My sins surpass in number the

sands of the sea, and I confess myself, O Lord, unworthy of thy mercy; but thy goodness is above all my offences.

Thou hast declared, O Lord, that there is joy in heaven for the conversion of a sinner: grant me, then, the grace of true repentance, and let heaven rejoice at my amendment.

Thou willest not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live: grant me then that spiritual life which I want; for behold, O Lord, I sincerely desire to live to thee.

Thou didst come, O dear Redeemer, not to call the just, but sinners to repentance: behold a most miserable sinner here before thee. O draw him most powerfully to thee

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities. Sprinkle me with thy precious blood, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Dear Redeemer of my soul, how long turnest thou thy face from me, and bringest no relief to my sorrows!

Behold the prodigal child, nay worse than the prodigal: but do thou, O Father, vouchsafe to have compassion on me! clothe me with the robes of thy grace, and receive me into the arms of thy mercy.

Let not thy precious blood, my dear Saviour, be shed for me in vain; but may it now bring forth in me the fruit of sincere repentance, and open to me the way to life everlasting.

IV. How great is thy goodness, O Lord, in having so long spared such a worthless servant, and waited with so much patience for his amendment! Ah, what return shall I make for thy infinite mercies? O let this mercy be added to the rest, that I may never more offend thee: this single favor I earnestly beg of thee, O Lord, viz., that I may, for the future, *renounce my own way to follow thine.*

Come, Lord, take possession of my

heart, and cast out thence whatever thou knowest profanes or defiles this thy temple; destroy and eradicate all that displeaseth thee; and lay therein the foundation of a new life.

I confess I have sinned; but if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole. Heal, most loving Father, this my soul.

O that I were free from all vice! that I could regulate my senses, govern my thoughts, and moderate my affections! O that I were truly composed and orderly both within and without! But when shall I be thus happy, when thus pure in thy sight? Lord, I will labor and take pains to reform myself, and I beg thy assistance for this work: but if I find not that good effect I desire, I will still persevere in my duty, and wait with patience and humility till thou shalt please to give a blessing to my endeavors. Help me, O Lord my God, and have compassion on my sinful soul. Amen.

At Confession.

Here you should reflect upon the measures which you ought to take for an entire amendment of your life, considering well what have been the occasions of your sins? What circumstances are apt to prove dangerous to you? What precautions you ought to take against those dangers in future? What pious exercises you ought to practise daily? When, and how often, approach the Sacraments, &c.

When you find yourself heartily sorry for having offended God, and fully determined for the time to come to amend your life, and avoid all mortal sins, and the immediate occasions of them, then humbly approach the tribunal of Penance, and kneeling by the Priest, make the sign of the Cross, and ask his blessing, saying, "Father, bless me, for I have sinned." *After receiving the blessing, say the Confiteor to* "mea maxima culpa, through my most grievous fault:" *and then be-*

gin a plain, entire, and discreet confession of your sins, thus: "Since my last confession, which was a week, a fortnight, or a month ago, I have, or I have not complied with my penance, and I accuse myself that,—" *avoiding superfluous accusations, or irrelevant matter, neither obscuring your offences by ambiguous expressions, nor concealing any mortal sin, or any circumstance which either aggravates its heinousness, or changes its nature; mention how often you have committed it, and fail not to state whether it be habitual. Having sincerely declared all you can remember, conclude thus:* "for these and all my other sins and imperfections, which I cannot call to mind, I am heartily sorry, purpose amendment for the future, and humbly ask pardon of God, and penance and absolution of you, my ghostly Father." *Then humbly bowing down, finish the Confiteor, saying,* "Therefore, I beseech," &c.

This being concluded, you must listen attentively to the instructions of the Priest, accept with humility the penance he enjoins, and whilst he imparts absolution, renew your sorrow, making an act of contrition, or repeating the following prayer:

O MERCIFUL God, as, at the words of thy Angel, the chains fell from the feet of St. Peter, and he was immediately restored to liberty, so grant, that by the words of this holy Sacrament, pronounced by the Priest, the chains of my sins may be loosed, and all my offences pardoned. Amen.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

Thou, who sufferedst for me, have mercy on me.

Prayers after Confession.

I RETURN thee thanks, O loving Father, for having admitted me into this sacrament, wherein suffering thy mercy to take place of thy justice, thou hast cast all my sins out of thy sight. Grant me now thy grace, O Lord, that by

sincere and perfect contrition, my repentance may be like that of David and Peter, that my offences being effectually remitted, I may hereafter continue faithful in thy service. But this I cannot do, unless with the aid of thy grace; for without it my soul will remain barren and dry, like earth without water. I am perfectly sensible of my own weakness and inability to do any thing that is good, or acceptable to thee. The only consolation and confidence I have is to raise up my eyes to my Jesus, to his tears and sufferings; that thy justice being appeased thereby, thou mayest open to me the gates of mercy, and receive me into thy favor. Look down, therefore, on me, with an eye of pity, and have compassion on my miseries. O meek and merciful Lord! strike this hard and obdurate heart of mine, that it may burst forth into a fountain of healing waters,—the waters of sincere contrition, wherewith my soul may be cleansed and purified. Perfect the work thou hast begun in me, for I am thy

creature, and grant that the confession I have made may be acceptable in thy sight, and that whatever is wanting towards its perfection through my weakness, may be supplied by thy infinite goodness and mercy. Thy mercy therefore I implore, and through it beg pardon of all my sins; firmly purposing in thy presence to avoid every thing that may be displeasing to thee, and to apply myself with all diligence to the practice of virtue. I hope thou wilt not refuse me thy assistance, since thou, O Lord, hast promised never to forsake those that trust in thee. Permit my heart to be no longer hurried away by the follies of this life, nor to experience my own weakness in my wonted relapses. It is high time I should be converted from my evil ways, forsake my errors, and amend my failings; since hitherto, alas! so many days and years have elapsed in good purposes, but with very little improvement of my soul. Command, therefore, O sovereign Lord, my rebellious heart,

and force it to a compliance with thy law. Break all my passions, rule my affections, direct my desires, strengthen my good endeavors, and give ear now to thy unworthy servant. Let not my wickedness make thee forget thy goodness; for though my sins cry aloud for justice, yet thou still hast mercy, whereby thou canst save, and once more receive me into thy favor, my God, my Lord, and all my hope, who livest and reignest forever and ever.

O GOD of mercy, having now, through thy gracious goodness, disburdened my conscience of the guilt wherewith it was oppressed, and, in the humblest manner I was able, discovered all the sins I could recollect, to thy minister, my ghostly father, I most humbly beseech thee to accept this confession, and forgive me all my trespasses, as well those I have forgot as those I have remembered. Grant me grace, O Lord, to live more carefully hereafter, and to abstain from my for-

mer vices, which I utterly detest, firmly purposing never to be guilty of them any more. But especially, O most merciful and bountiful Saviour, enable me to withstand those temptations with which I am most infested, and to avoid all occasions of offending thee for the future. If the just man fall seven times in the day, how much more reason have I to be jealous of myself, O Lord, and to fear that I shall not be steadfast in my resolutions, having, through my own frailty and vicious customs, increased the natural blindness and weakness in which I was born? Yet, O Lord, I firmly purpose, through thy merciful assistance, never to consent to any mortal sin, from which I humbly beseech thee to preserve me whilst I live: and, as to my venial sins and imperfections, I resolve to strive against them, and hope, through thy goodness, at length to amend them.

A Preparation for Communion.

An Act of Faith.

MY Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that thou art really present in the blessed Sacrament: I believe it contains thy body and blood, thy soul and divinity. I acknowledge these truths; I believe these wonders; I adore thy power, which has wrought them; I praise thy infinite goodness, which has prepared them for me; and, with David, "*I will praise thee, my God, with my whole heart, and will recount all thy admirable works; I will rejoice in thee, and bless thy holy name.*" In this faith, and with this acknowledgment, I presume to approach this adorable banquet, wherein thou bestowest on me the divine food of thy body and blood, to satiate my soul with thyself and thy Holy Spirit. Grant, O Jesus, that I may approach thee with such a profound sense of reverence and humility, as is due to thy infinite majesty. Who

am I, O God, that thou shouldst work such wonders for my sake? Grant, O Lord, that I be not altogether unworthy of them, and that I may now receive thee with a pure heart, a clean conscience, and a sincere and lively faith. Pardon my sins, which have rendered me most unworthy to approach thee: I detest them from the bottom of my heart, because they are displeasing to thee, my God; I renounce them forever, and promise to be faithful to thee. Take courage, then, my soul, raise thyself up: go and receive thy God, and with him all the favors he has prepared for thee in this divine sacrament.

An Act of Hope.

IN thee, sweet Jesus, I place all my hope, because thou alone art my salvation, my strength, my refuge, and the foundation of all my happiness; and were it not for the confidence I place in thy merits, and in the precious blood wherewith thou didst redeem me, I would not presume to partake of this

banquet. Encouraged therefore by thy goodness, behold I come to thee as a poor and infirm sheep to its shepherd; as one sick to his physician; as a condemned criminal to his powerful intercessor: that, as the true shepherd of my soul, thou mayest strengthen me: heal me, as my physician: and, as my merciful advocate, deliver me from the sentence of sin and death. I, who am an abyss of nothing, invoke thee, who art the abyss of all goodness: for though my sins are innumerable, and very grievous, yet they are but light and trivial, when compared to thy boundless mercy, and the infinite ransom of thy blood. It is in this mercy, then, O Lord, that I put all my trust; and am pleased that I can find nothing in myself wherein to hope, that so I may put my whole trust in thee. Have pity, therefore, on me, my Jesus, and save me, for thou forsakest none that place their hopes in thee.

An Act of Charity.

HOW strong was the force of thy love, my dear Redeemer, when, being about to depart out of this world to thy eternal Father, thou providedst for us this divine banquet, enriched with all heavenly sweetness! Ah! it was through the wonderful effects of thy divine goodness, that thou didst humble thyself to such an excess for our redemption, as to take upon thee the infirmity of our nature. And is it not through an infinite excess of thy love, that thou hast left us thy body and blood for the food and nourishment of our souls: that, as thou didst unite thyself to our humanity, so we might here be made partakers of thy divinity! In return for this thy infinite love, I desire to love thee, my Jesus, who art my only comfort in this place of banishment, the only hope of my infirm soul, and happiness above all I can enjoy in this life. I love thee, my God, with my whole heart, with my whole soul, with all my

mind, and all my strength; and wish, that as every moment is an increase of my life, so it may be also of my love towards thee. I desire, with all the affections and powers of my soul, that as the utmost thanks are due, so they may be returned to thee, by all the faithful, for this divine food, which is our refreshment, support, strength, armor, and defence in all our miseries; and that my love may never cease, inflame my heart with the fire of heaven, that it may continue burning, till nature and corruption being weakened and consumed, I may at length be transformed into thee. Come, O Lord! hasten to release me once more from the bonds of sin, and prepare me for the blessing thou art now about to bestow on me.

An Act of Desire.

AS the wearied hart thirsts after the fountains of water, so doth my soul pant after thee, my Saviour! my Lord! and my Jesus! It ardently longs to drink of those fountains, which

thy love has opened for its comfort and relief. Tired, therefore, with my own evil ways, I now return hungry and thirsty, crying out aloud, Have mercy on me, O Son of God, and permit me to taste of thy banquet, that my soul may be refreshed. O that I had the affections of the heavenly spirits, that my soul might truly languish after thee, the fountain of life, of wisdom, and of eternal light; the impetuous torrent of celestial happiness! O that my soul did truly hunger after thee, the bread of angels, the food of blessed souls, and that all that is within me might be delighted with the taste of thy sweetness! I here despise all human consolations, that I may be comforted by thee, my only good, my God and Saviour, whom I love above all things, and desire to entertain within my breast, with as much devotion and affection as is conceived by thy chosen servants, who sit at thy table of celestial bliss. And however I may have been hitherto wanting in my duty, or unjust to thee,

in misplacing my affections, I now forever renounce my folly and weakness, and from my heart request, that for the future, my joy, my relief, my treasure, and rest, may be entirely centred in thee. May I never desire any thing besides thee; and may all things seem contemptible and as nothing without thee, O my God!

An Act of Thanksgiving.

WHO am I, O God of infinite goodness, that thou shouldst permit me to partake of this bread of angels? How have I found such favor in thy sight, as to be the object of so unspeakable a mercy! Come, all ye angels and saints of God, and I will recount to you what great things our Lord has done for my soul. He has raised me out of the dust, and delivered me from the bonds of sin: he has told me not to be dejected, for that himself will be my support and my strength: and though I have most unworthily forsaken him by my repeated follies, yet behold he calls

me back again, and invites me to partake of the bread of life, that, as he made me, so I may ever live by him. What thanks can I give thee, O merciful Jesus, Saviour of the world? What return shall I make thee for all thou hast done for my soul? Were I to give all I have in acknowledgment of thy love, it would still be as nothing; for thou, Lord, hast plentifully poured forth thyself upon me, and given me even all that thou art—thy body, thy blood, thy soul, thy divinity: and if, in thanksgiving for thy mercies, I were to lay before thee my body and soul, my life, liberty, and all I possess, what would they be, when compared to the blessing thou hast here bestowed on me; what to the debt I owe, which is in some kind equal to what I receive, Infinite as thyself? O God, how far is this above my means? I have, however, one request to make (for thou art good and merciful, and knowest my poverty), that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept this little offering I present thee in the sin-

cerity of my heart, saying, with the Spouse in the Canticles, *My Beloved to me, and I to my Beloved.* Thou hast mercifully given thyself to me, for the food of my soul; and now behold I offer thee all that I have, all that I am, all that I possess; to thee I make a full surrender of them all, that being wholly thine, I may now no longer have any part in myself.

An Act of Fear.

BEING now invited by thee, sweet Jesus, to come and partake of thy banquet, I could cheerfully obey thy call, and receive thee with all the love and affection of my soul, if the thought of so great a happiness did not make me tremble at the consciousness of my wickedness. My sins always upbraid me; and when the voice of St. Paul strikes my ear, *He that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks judgment to himself,* must I not then tremble at the thoughts of approaching thy table? Alas! if I allow myself but the liberty

to think, I am confounded, to consider, that having so often received this divine food, I should yet remain so frail and miserable, or that my heart should be so little fixed on thee as to be instantly wandering amongst vanity and folly, and seem more fond of the empty satisfaction of creatures than of thee, my only happiness. I have frequently resolved to amend, and as often pretended to make a new covenant, receiving thy precious body as a pledge of my engagements; and yet where do I remain, but in the midst of sin and vice, with my senses disordered, my tongue ungoverned, my affections depraved, and yet, O God, how little pains do I take to recover from this misery, and return to thee, to whom I have so repeatedly promised to be faithful! These thoughts encompass me, O Lord, on every side, and cause me to fear, that what thou hast mercifully ordained for my salvation, I should now receive to my judgment and condemnation. What course then shall I steer in the midst of such

difficulties? Shall I fly from before thy face, like despairing Cain? or with Adam hide myself, because, at the hearing of thy voice, I behold myself naked, and destitute of all that is good? No, my God, suffer me rather to fly to thee for succor and refuge, because I know thy mercy exceeds my misery, and thy goodness surpasses my wickedness; if I am defiled, infirm, and naked, thou canst cleanse me, cure, and clothe me. To thee, therefore, I run, O my God, with fear and trembling, to take shelter under the wings of thy clemency; still hoping, that, notwithstanding my unworthiness, thou wilt pardon my iniquities, heal my infirmities, and clothe me with thy grace. For this end, O Lord, disengage my heart from all that divides thee from me, or distracts me in my duty; for I own, that in all that tempts me, there is nothing but vanity and affliction of spirit. O may my soul no longer relish any other sweetness than that of thy presence: may it now no longer admire anything but the great-

ness of thy infinite love, or look for content in any other object, but in thee alone, the God of my heart.

An Act of Humility.

O IMMENSE, powerful, and incomprehensible God, who am I, that thou shouldst vouchsafe thus to come to be my food, and to take thy habitation within my soul? It is in this I conceive something of thy infinite goodness and mercy, and my own miserable baseness and ingratitude. Thou art the King of kings, and sovereign Lord of the universe, at whose presence the earth trembles. Thou art the fountain of holiness, in whose sight the angels themselves are not pure. Thou art the bright sun of eternal day, who dwellest in light inaccessible. But as to myself, what am I, but a poor worm of the earth, subject to innumerable miseries, distracted with passions; fond of vanity, defiled with sin; encompassed with darkness; busy about folly; and careless of eternity? How then

dare I approach thee, who am thus miserable and unprepared? With what confidence can I appear before thee, most just Judge, in whose presence the very pillars of heaven tremble;—I, who by my sins have run astray from thee, though thou art present in every place; I, who have polluted my soul, espoused to thee in baptism, with filth and wickedness, abandoning thee, my Maker and Redeemer, for the love of vanity and deceitful pleasures? Thou hast created me from nothing, and, by thy grace plentifully furnished me with the means of obtaining eternal happiness; and how ill a return have I made for these blessings, by living in sin, and by not being solicitous to please thee, but rather to satisfy my own corrupt inclinations? Thou hast prepared for me a banquet of heavenly sweetness, and I have longed after the flesh-pots of Egypt. Yet still, O my God of infinite goodness, behold, I, who am nothing but dust and ashes, presume to speak to thee. Receive, then, thy unworthy servant into the

compassionate arms of thy mercy, since with so much love and solicitude thou hast labored for my conversion. I am now sensible, O my God, that without thee I am nothing, nor can I do anything: and that without the aid of thy grace, there is neither life nor salvation for me. Cast, therefore, all my sins out of thy sight, and with the tenderness of a loving Father, extend thy arms to receive an unworthy child, who returns to thee; and let me effectually experience the truth of the prophet's words, *A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit,* and *a contrite and humble heart thou wilt not despise.*

A Prayer before Receiving.

IT is with fear and trembling, O Jesus, that I approach thy banquet, having nothing to confide in but thy goodness and mercy, being of myself a sinner, destitute of all virtue. My soul and body are defiled with many crimes: my thoughts and tongue in disorder, and under no restraint. In this

wretched condition I hasten to thee, most compassionate physician, the fountain of all goodness, that I may be healed. I fly under the wings of thy paternal protection, hoping thou wilt be my Saviour, though I dare not appear before thee as my judge. To thee I expose all my wounds, to thee I discover all my shame. My sins, I confess, are so innumerable and enormous, as to make me despair, if thou didst not encourage me to hope in thy mercies, which are infinite. Look, therefore, on me with the eyes of compassion, O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, who wast crucified for the sins of men. Have mercy on me, thou inexhaustible fountain of goodness. Hail, saving Victim, offered on the cross for me and all mankind. Hail, generous and precious blood, flowing from thy wounds, O Jesus! and washing away the sins of the world. Remember thy creature, O Lord, whom thou hast redeemed by thy death. I am truly sorry for my offences, of which I am resolved to amend.

Wash away, therefore, all my sins, and blot out my iniquities, that, purified in soul and body, I may worthily approach the Holy of Holies; and grant that thy precious body and blood, which I now, though unworthy, am about to receive, may avail to a full discharge from the guilt of all my crimes, a victory over my evil thoughts, the beginning of a new life, the seed of good works, and a sure protection of soul and body against all the snares of my enemies.

INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMMUNION.

AT the time of communion, go up to the rail, and take up the towel and hold it before you. Whilst the clerk says the *Confiteor*, humbly confess your sins, and beg God's pardon for them. When the priest turns about to give the absolution, receive it with your head bowed down, as from the hand of the

invisible High Priest, whom you are going to receive.

When the priest holds up a particle of the blessed sacrament, with these words, *Ecce Agnus Dei*, &c.: *Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world,* humbly beg, with a lively confidence in the merits of his death and passion, that he would take away your sins.

When the priest repeats three times, *Domine, non sum dignus*, &c.: *Lord, I am not worthy thou shouldst enter under my roof; speak only the word, and my soul shall be healed,* say the same with him in your heart, and humble yourself exceedingly through the sense of your unworthiness and sins; but let this be joined with a lively confidence in him, who can raise you up, and perfectly heal your soul by his only word.

When the priest gives you the blessed sacrament, saying, *The body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul to life everlasting,* Amen; receive it with a lively faith, a profound humility, and

a heart inflamed with love. At the time of your receiving, let your head be erect, your mouth opened moderately wide, and your tongue a little advanced, so as to rest upon your under lip, that the priest may conveniently convey the blessed sacrament into your mouth; which being done, shut your mouth; let the sacred host moisten a little upon your tongue, and then swallow it down as soon as you can, and afterwards abstain a while from spitting. If the host should chance to stick to the roof of your mouth, be not disturbed; neither must you put your finger into your mouth to remove it, but gently and quietly remove it with your tongue, and so convey it down. And then return to your place, and endeavor to entertain, as well as you can, the guest whom you have received.

INSTRUCTIONS AFTER COMMUNION.

SPEND at least a quarter of an hour after communion, in devotion suitable to that occasion. It

would be a great abuse to turn your back immediately upon your Saviour, by going away, as some do, and thinking no more of what you have been doing. Particularly, I recommend to you three things after communion. 1st. To cast yourself down in spirit at the feet of your Lord, whom you have received; to adore him, praise him, and give him thanks for coming to so unworthy a sinner; and to invite all heaven and earth to join with you in praising and magnifying his holy name. 2dly. To make an offering of your heart and soul, and of your whole being to him, that you may henceforward love him and serve him forever. 3dly. To present him all your petitions for all the graces that you stand in need of, and to make good use of this favorable opportunity to pray heartily for yourself and for your friends, and for the whole world.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION.

I RETURN thee thanks, O eternal Father, for having, out of thy pure mercy, without any desert of mine, been pleased to feed my soul with the body and blood of thine only Son; and beseech

thee, that this holy communion may not be to my condemnation, but available to the effectual remission of all my sins. May it strengthen my faith; encourage me in the practice of good works; deliver me from my vicious customs; remove from me all concupiscence; perfect me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and all other virtues. May it secure me against all the snares of my enemies, visible and invisible; prudently moderate my inclinations, both carnal and spiritual; closely unite me to thee, the only true God, and finally settle me in unchangeable bliss, by admitting me, though an unworthy sinner, to be a guest at that divine banquet, where thou, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, art the true light, eternal fulness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness of all the saints, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Praise and Adoration.

I PRAISE and glorify thy blessed name, O my God, for the many favors thou hast now bestowed on me, and for all the blessings wherewith thou hast enriched my soul, after the many miseries and wants I have suffered, when, by my pleasures and passions, I had departed from thee! Alas! was not I most miserably blind, to expect content and happiness, when, by my folly, neglect, and indevotion, I removed myself at a distance from thee? But such was thy goodness, as to withdraw me from the precipice whither I was running; enlightening me with thy ray, and, by the inspirations of thy grace, inviting me to return. Thou hast pardoned all my sins; and, to crown all these favors, thou hast now come to visit me, that thou mightest forever shine in me, and I in thee. O my God, be thou forever blessed for all these infinite mercies. Bless the Lord, my soul, and let all that is within me praise and magnify his holy

name. Bless the Lord, and see thou forget not the favors he has done thee. He has pardoned thee all thy offences, and cured thy infirmities. He has preserved thee from death, and crowned thee with the effects of his bounty. He has satisfied thy hunger with good things, and replenished thee with all the blessings thou couldst desire. And oughtest not thou to resolve on a change of life, and, renewing thy forces, grow young like the eagle, in his service? Let thy grace, then, O Lord, be ever at hand to assist me, for the experience of my own weakness makes me fearful; and if thou support me not, I most certainly shall fall again. Be thou therefore my shield and defence. Grant me a firm and constant faith; and strengthen it not only with respect to this mystery, but all other Christian truths and principles of eternal life; that, by the help thereof, I may overcome all such difficulties as I may have to encounter in my journey to that state of bliss for which I was created; as it is by such a

faith those who, for my example, are gone before me, have triumphed over their enemies, done justice, and obtained the promises.

An Act of Hope.

I ADORE thy infinite greatness, O divine majesty, who fillest both heaven and earth, and art adored by all the blessed spirits, angels, and saints, who, without ceasing, praise and cry out before thee, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth." Is it possible thou shouldst condescend to visit the most unworthy of all thy servants, and desire to dwell within him? If the heavens, nay the heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee, how much less this habitation, which I have prepared for thy reception? But thy goodness, O great God, knows well how to humble itself, when it is for our good. Thou knowest how to conceal the dazzling splendor of thy glory, and condescend to our weak capacity, that so thou mayest

communicate thyself to us the more freely. This thou didst not only at the time of thy adorable incarnation, when thou madest thyself like to us, the more forcibly to attract our love to thee, but also when thou didst institute this mystery, wherein thou gavest thyself to us for the food and nourishment of our souls, the more closely to unite us to thyself, and make us aspire to that celestial banquet thou hast prepared for the blessed in heaven. O God, grant me the grace, so eagerly to long after this eternal banquet, that the desire of hereafter enjoying it may make me despise all the goods and pleasures of this life, and labor incessantly to prepare myself, till I am happily admitted amongst thy guests. There is one resolution which I here make in thy presence, *viz.*, to renounce all whatsoever my irregular and corrupt affections incline me to; for they often press me to forsake the way of thy commandments, and put me in danger of forfeiting my title to eternal happiness: but, behold,

I now desire to wean my heart from them entirely, that I may place my whole love and confidence in thee alone. For this end, I am firmly resolved to watch over all my actions, fly from sin, and avoid whatever may be displeasing to thee. I will labor to work out my salvation by observing thy precepts, and as I have resolved, so I hope to be faithful to thee; but this resolution I acknowledge myself unable to perform, without the help of thy grace, which I most humbly implore. O Jesus, save me: conduct me through the ways of thy commandments, in which I now begin to walk, with courage and perseverance. Incline my heart to love thy divine truths; divert my eyes from beholding vain objects; enliven and strengthen me in the paths of virtue and good works, and attract me so powerfully to thyself, that I may follow thee as far as heaven, where thou livest and reignest for all eternity.

An Act of Love.

O MY God, what return can I make for so signal a favor, or what shall I do to acknowledge it as much as it deserves? Is it possible I should not continually love thee after such manifest proofs of thy love? Thou hast loved me to such an excess as to lay down thy life for my sake, and shall I not make so small a return to such boundless love, as to live only for thee? Thou hast communicated thyself at present entirely to me, and shall not I from henceforth remain wholly thine? Permit me not, O God, to be ungrateful, or insensible of thy love and my own salvation: I protest, therefore, in thy presence, that I will for the future be faithful to thee, and never depart from thee by the least disobedience to thy law. I will never forget thy bounty, nor the favor thou hast done me, in admitting me to partake of thy mercy. I will love thee with my whole heart, for thou, O Lord, art my strength, my

support, my refuge, and deliverer, nay, my God, and my all. What is there in heaven or in earth, I should love in preference to thee, the God of my heart, the inheritance and only happiness I pretend to! Of thee I have made choice, and nothing shall prevail on me to make me change.

An Oblation.

WHAT pledge can I give, O my Saviour, as an earnest of the love which I have now engaged to thee? I have nothing worthy of thee, and if I had, I have nothing but what is thine on several accounts; but such is thy goodness, as to be content to accept from us what is already thine. Wherefore, behold, I here offer to thee my body and soul, which are both now sanctified by the honor of thy divine presence; I consecrate them to thee forever, since thou hast chosen them for thy temple; my body to be continually employed in thy service, and never more

to become an instrument of sin; my soul to know thee, to love thee, and be evermore faithful to thee. Bless, O Lord, the present I here make thee. "Bless, O Lord, this house." Permit not my body to be any more defiled with sensual delights, nor my soul by a will to commit any mortal sin: for as I am now resolved to serve thee with body and soul, I will take pains to correct their evil inclinations. I will declare war against myself, renounce my wonted pleasures, my delights, my passions, my concupiscence, my anger, my pride, my self-love, my own will, and lastly, whatever else may offend thee.

A Prayer for Perseverance.

PRESERVE, O Lord, forever in my soul, the holy resolutions wherewith thou hast now inspired me, and grant me grace faithfully to put them in execution. Without thy aid I can do nothing; I therefore earnestly crave thy assistance, to conquer all the difficulties I may meet with in the way of my sal-

vation. Regard me with the eyes of mercy; have compassion on my weakness; and strengthen me daily with thy grace. O glorious Virgin, unite with me in giving thanks to thy beloved Son, who has restored me to his grace, and refreshed my soul with the banquet of his most precious body. Offer him all the grateful service thou didst him in this life, to supply the defects of my devotion; and obtain of him that he depart not from me without leaving a large benediction behind him for my soul. Holy angels! ye ministering spirits of God, behold the only Son of the eternal Father, whom you adored at his entrance into the world. O become now petitioners in my behalf, that I may henceforth serve him with the same spirit and truth, as you did whilst he remained on earth, and with the same cheerfulness as you now do in his celestial kingdom. All ye men and women, saints of God, behold here within my breast your Lord, the origin and reward of all your virtuous actions, and let all

your prayers accompany mine to the throne; that by his grace I may follow your steps in the exact performance of every duty, till abounding in good works, I may at length be admitted into your society, and possess my Jesus for all eternity.

Conclusion.

GRACIOUSLY hear all my prayers, O good Jesus; hide me within thy wounds, and there protect me from all my enemies. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Call me to thee at the hour of my death, that, with thy saints, I may praise thee forever. And now, Lord Jesus, I go from thee for awhile, but I hope not without thee, who art my comfort and the ultimate happiness of my soul. To thy love and protection I recommend myself, as well as my brethren, my relatives, my country, my friends, and my enemies. Love us, O Lord, change our hearts, and transform us into thyself. May I be wholly employed in thee and for thee: and may

thy love be the end of all my thoughts, words, and actions, who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

The following ASPIRATIONS *may not be unseasonable for such as have an Opportunity on the Day of Communion, if said with Recollection of Spirit and Attention.*

ENLIGHTEN the eyes of my soul, O Lord, with the rays of divine faith and wisdom, that I may ever look on thee as the way, the rule, and example of all my thoughts, words, and actions.

What am I, Lord, or what claim can I have on thy bounty, that thou shouldst thus pursue me with thy blessings? Yes, thou hast created me for thyself, and mayest thou alone be the rest and centre of my soul.

Good Jesus, my hope and only happiness, I here return thee thanks for all thy sufferings; and beg that I may ever find a place of refuge in thy sacred wounds against the assaults of all my enemies: imprint the memory of them, I beseech thee, so deeply in my heart, that I may ever love thee; and in all my sufferings never forget what thou hast suffered for me.

Take from me all self-love, and grant me a perfect love of thee, that I may hereafter be more devoted to thy ser-

vice; and suffer nothing to prevent me from a faithful discharge of my duty.

O that I could ever remember thee! ever think of thee! and love thee only! O that my senses were ever shut against vain and sinful objects, and my mind freed from all fruitless solicitude, that I might ever abide in thee! Henceforth I will, with the utmost diligence, seek thee, my only good; my desires shall be fixed on thee alone, and all my actions shall be directed to thy glory.

I resign myself into thy hands, O God, desiring that thy holy will may be done in and by me, both now and forever. Be thou my instructor, director, and helper on all occasions, that I may neither do, speak, think, nor desire anything but what is according to thy good will and pleasure.

II. Grant thy servant, O Lord, understanding, that he may learn the way of thy commandments, and lay aside all interest besides that of heaven.

O sweet Jesus, thou fountain of goodness, direct my steps in thy paths, and

teach me to do thy will. Inspire me with courage to take up my cross and follow thee. Disengage my heart from all unprofitable cares and vain affections, and though I dwell among creatures, yet may I ever live in thee, and for thee. Grant me true fervor of spirit, and enkindle in my breast the fire of divine love, that I may find no rest but in thee.

How sweet, O Lord, is thy Spirit! how pleasant to my ear are the words of thy mouth! O that I could ever be attentive to them, and fulfil thy law! May I die to the world and all its concupiscences; and let the greatness of thy love make all that is earthly appear to me as nothing. Protect me against my enemies, and in all danger come to my defence; make haste to help me, O God, and say to my soul, I am thy health and salvation.

Remember thou art my Father, and have compassion on my distressed soul: clothe it with all virtues, and feed it with thy grace; for it belongs to a father to be careful of his child.

As it is in thee I live, sweet Jesus, so it is in thee I desire to die; and both living and dying I will ever profess that thou art good, and that thy mercy endureth forever.

III. O sweetness of my life, and life of my soul, withdraw my heart and thoughts from all creatures, that they may find no rest but in thee!

My God, how long dost thou permit me to wander from thee? When wilt thou consume in me all that is corrupt and contrary to thy will? Draw me after thee, I beseech thee, that I may walk cheerfully in the way of thy precepts. Make me according to thine own heart, and let my soul be now thy habitation forever.

My soul without thee is dry like earth without water; moisten it, I beseech thee, with the dew of heaven, and grant me thy blessing from the land of the living. Wound my heart with thy love, that it may relish no earthly objects, but entirely depend on thy will.

Hail, dear Redeemer, whom I now de-

sire to adore with the spirit and affection of thy elect; to thy direction I commit all the motions of my soul.

Ah! when will the day of eternity appear, that, liberated from this prison of flesh, I may join with the saints in thy everlasting praise? O sweet light, inflame my heart with the fire of celestial charity, and let its divine flames consume my bowels.

IV. O that I could give thee, dear Lord, as much praise, glory, and honor, as is given thee by the angels and blessed spirits in heaven! But as this, in my present state of existence, is impossible, accept, at least, my desire and good will. Deliver me from every thing that is contrary to thy will, and dispose my soul for thy greater glory.

Into thy hands I surrender myself, O my Creator, and, laying aside all private wishes, desire to depend on thee, not only as to the whole state of my body and soul, but also as to all the accidents and events thou mayest please to appoint for me, asking nothing more

but that thy name may be glorified forever.

If it be more for thy honor that I should suffer interior desolation, I accept it from thy hand, convinced that whatever I suffer in my soul, for love of thee, is for my good.

O my God, how little art thou known, how little loved! Come to me, dear Lord! and if thou nowhere else findest rest, infuse thyself wholly into my soul. May the fire of thy love, O God, ever burn in my heart, and increase to such a flame, as may consume not only the sacrifice, but the altar also.

Let nothing be my comfort but thou, my Lord Jesus, nor any thing afflict me but my sins, and whatever is displeasing to thy divine Majesty.

O blessed Jesus! Life eternal! by whom I live, and without whom I die; grant I may be united to thee: that in the embraces of thy holy love and divine will, I may rest forever.

When shall I behold thee, sweet Lord? When shall I appear before thy

face? When shall I see thee in the land of the living? Till then I sigh and bewail my banishment, desiring to be dissolved, and be with thee.

The Rosary of the Blessed Name of Jesus.

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IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

Incline unto my aid, O God.

O Lord, hasten to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE FIRST PART.

I. *Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE Son of God assumes human flesh out of the pure blood of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, and is made man in her womb.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE Saviour of the world is born for our redemption; His Mother remaining a Virgin.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour being eight days old, begins to suffer for our sins, and his blood already flows for us. He is circumcised according to the law, as if he had been himself a sinner.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Lord Jesus Christ found in the Temple.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour being twelve years old, shows himself more than mortal by his knowledge and wisdom, teaching the teachers of the Jews.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE Saviour of the world is baptized by St. John. The eternal Father declares him to be his Son.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Prayer.

O JESUS, whose name is above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell. Who, at the time appointed by the Eternal Wisdom, assumedst flesh in the womb of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, and thus becamest the Son of David. Whose birth gladdened men and angels. Who began so early to suffer for us, and to shed on our account that blood that washeth away the sins of the world. Whose immortal wisdom appeared at the age of twelve years. To whose baptism all heaven was attentive. Grant us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, for all eternity. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE SECOND PART.

I. *Our Saviour washes his Disciples' Feet.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, to show us an example of humility, and how much we ought to serve each other, descendeth so low as to wash the feet of his disciples, though he is the God whom heaven and earth adore.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *Prayer of our Lord in the Garden.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, knowing his passion to be now at hand, is so affected with the thoughts of it, and so oppressed with the load of our sins, that he prays to his Almighty Father that the bitter chalice might pass away from him.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *Our Saviour apprehended.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, as if he had been no more than man, yields to the power of men, and permits himself, for our redemption, to be apprehended as if he were a malefactor.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Saviour carries his Cross.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, being torn with scourges and pierced with thorns to expiate our sins, is obliged to carry the Cross on which he is to die, and moves on, laboring with sorrow, towards the place of execution.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *Descent of our Saviour into Hell.*

The Meditation.

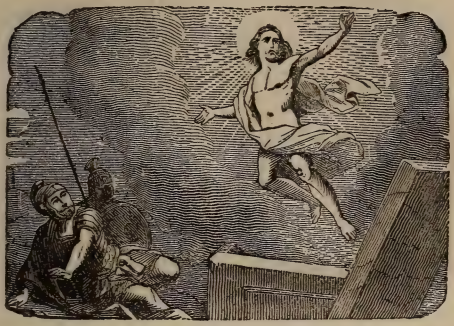
THE soul of our Saviour, being separated by death from the body, descends to that place where the Saints were expecting his redemption. O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*] Glory be to, &c.

The Prayer.

O JESUS, whose name is above all names, that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of

those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell, whose mysterious humiliations and sorrows, appointed for thee on account of our sins, appeared in the washing of the feet of thy servants and creatures; in thy distress and prayer and bloody sweat; in thy being secured, and brought before courts as a criminal; in thy bearing the load of the cross; and in the separation of thy soul from thy body, and its descent into the regions below; grant to us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, for all eternity. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE THIRD PART.



I. *Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE soul of our Lord Jesus Christ, which had been separated from the body, is reunited to it by a miracle of the Almighty power, and that body which had been dead, rises to die no more.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE body of our Lord Jesus Christ ascends into the highest heaven, where the Saviour of mankind sits at the right hand of God, the Almighty Father.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *Our Lord Jesus Christ sends down the Holy Ghost.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, now seated on the right hand of God, his Almighty Father, sends down the Holy Ghost, to inspire and animate his disciples, that they may be qualified to publish to mankind his cross and his glory.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Lord Jesus Christ crowning the Blessed Virgin and Saints.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, having by his passion, resurrection, and ascension, opened the way for the sons of Adam to heaven, which they had lost by sin, bestows on his Mother and his saints crowns of immortal glory.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *Our Lord Jesus Christ coming to Judgment.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour will come in power and majesty to judge the living and the dead, and to render to every one according to his works.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Prayer.

JESUS, whose name is above all names, that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell: whose murdered body consigned to the grave, the Almighty raised from death, glorious and immortal: who by thy ascension triumphedst over death, and leddest captivity captive: who according to thy promise didst send down the Spirit that proceedeth from the Father and Thee, the Comforter and Enlivener; who, stretching forth the bounty of thy Almighty hand, didst shed upon the chosen children of Adam that glory which neither eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man, and who will come forth, in power and majesty, to judge the living and the dead, before whose throne all mortals shall appear: Grant us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and

reignest one God, for all eternity. Amen.

The repetition of the above Prayers for meditation is not absolutely necessary. Those who cannot meditate on the mysteries, may say the Creed beforehand, in this Rosary, and in that of the Blessed Virgin. The works belonging to them do not bind under any sin.

Those who are in the Society of the Rosary of the Names of Jesus, may have a plenary indulgence on New Year's day the same that is granted in the year of Jubilee. Also on every second Sunday in the month; at the time of being received into the society; at the article of death; and on each day of the fifteen mysteries.

Fifteen Meditations

ON THE PASSION OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who being most high in the glory of thy Father, and equal to his divine essence, didst vouchsafe of thy infinite charity to be made man, to be born in a stable, to be laid in a manger, to be circumcised, and to fly into *Egypt;* afterwards to be

baptized, to be tempted, to fast, to watch, to teach the ignorant, and to heal the diseased; in thy whole life to suffer continual afflictions and persecutions; and at length voluntarily suffer death upon the cross,—and all this for me, and such wretched creatures as myself.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who having eaten the paschal lamb with thy dearly beloved disciples, didst arise from supper, gird thyself with a towel, pour water into a basin, and on bended knees didst humbly wash the feet of thy disciples, and wipe them with thy own hands

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who when the time of thy death approached, didst bequeath a most excellent legacy to thy children, leaving us thy most sacred body to be our meat, and thy most precious blood to be our drink: no wit can reach, nor understanding penetrate the bottomless depth of this thy charity.

O GOOD and gracious Lord! who, entered into the garden of *Olives*, beganst to fear and to be heavy; whereupon thou saidst to thy disciples, *My soul is sorrowful even unto death*, and then leaving them, kneeledst upon the ground, and falling flat on thy face, prayedst to thy Father, *If it be possible, let this chalice pass from me.* And yet, with perfect submission, wholly resignedst thyself to him, saying, *Father, not my will but thine be done;* and at length, through most painful agony, thy afflicted and fainting body sweated drops of blood.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who, inflamed with an ineffable desire to redeem me, didst go to meet thine enemies, and sufferedst Judas the traitor to kiss thee, and thyself to be taken and bound with cords, and as a malefactor disgracefully led by the basest of the people to *Annas*, where with admirable meekness thou receivedst a cruel stroke on thy face, most

unjustly given thee by a vile wretch and slave.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who wast led fast bound, like a notorious malefactor, from *Annas* to the house of *Caiaphas*, the High Priest, where the *Jews* most unjustly accused thee, and with barbarous insolence spat upon thy meek and amiable face, buffeting thy cheeks and blindfolding thine eyes, scornfully mocking, and maliciously affronting thee with injuries all that night.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who in the morning wast brought to the presence of Pilate, and with a most sweet and humble countenance, casting thine eyes down, stoodst before him in the judgment-hall; and when thou wast most falsely calumniated by the Jews, and many insults and provocations given thee, thou meekly heldst thy peace, and patiently sufferedst their unjust proceedings.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus, who wast sent from Pilate to Herod: he out of vain curiosity coveting to see some miracle at thy hand, demanded many things of thee, and the Jews continuing their perverseness against thee; but to all these thy meekness replied not a word: wherefore Herod and all his court despised thee, and putting on thee a white garment in scorn and derision, sent thee thus back again to Pilate. O unspeakable humility and obedience to the will of thine enemies! thou wentst forth and returnedst again, and wast led up and down from place to place without gainsaying, but suffering them to do whatever they would.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who in the judgment-hall wast stripped naked, and without any compassion, most cruelly scourged. There was thy blessed virginal and tender flesh cut with whips and torn with stripes, altogether mangled and deform-

ed, and made black and blue with wounds; so that the streams of thy most precious blood ran down on every side upon the earth.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! after thy sharp and bloody scourging, to put thee to more shame and confusion, as also to increase thy torments, they clothed thee with an old purple garment, and plaiting a crown of thorns, pressed it on thy holy head, till the sharp points pierced thy temples, and thy most precious blood ran down and covered thy face and neck; they gave thee in derision a reed for thy sceptre, and kneeling down before thee in scorn, saluted thee, saying, *Hail, King of the Jews!* then took they the reed out of thy hand, and with it struck thy sacred head, and again spat upon thy sacred face.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who wast brought forth from Pilate to the Jews to be gazed on, wearing

the crown of thorns and purple garment, Pilate showing thee to the people, and saying, *Behold the man!* but they cried out, with a loud voice and insatiable malice, *Crucify him, crucify him!*

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! thou wast delivered up to the will and pleasure of the Jews, who immediately led thee to be crucified, laying thy heavy cross upon thy sore and bloody shoulders; thus didst thou humbly bear thine own cross, whose weight pained thee excessively, and coming to the place all weary and breathless, thou refusedst not to taste wine mingled with gall and myrrh, which was the only relief there given thee.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! being come to Mount Calvary, thou wast again stripped naked, when thy wounds were renewed by the violent pulling off of thy clothes. What bitter pains didst thou suffer, when thou wast fastened to the cross with rough nails,

and the joints of thy limbs stretched as on a rack! O with what love and sweetness of charity didst thou suffer thy hands and feet to be bored through, whence, as from a fountain, thy precious blood gushed out.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! who, hanging on the cross between two thieves, wast assailed with blasphemies, and after so long a continuance of thy tortures, prayedst to thy Father to forgive them, and even when their fury was at the highest, didst exercise the greatest bounty, promising Paradise to the repenting thief, and bequeathing thy dearly beloved mother (who pierced with sorrow stood by the cross) to thy beloved disciple John, and in him to us all, to be our mother; and after thou hadst suffered for three long hours intolerable pains and extreme thirst, they gave thee vinegar to drink, which when thou hadst tasted, bowing down thy venerable head, thou yieldedst up thy spirit.

O GOOD and gracious Jesus! O good shepherd! thus thou bestowedst thy life for thy sheep, and even after death still thou wouldst suffer for us, the sacred side of thy dead body being opened with a spear, out of which flowed water and blood. Thus at last ended all thy sufferings; and thy enemies having slaked their thirst for thy blood, and being gone away, thy disciples came and took thy immaculate body down from the cross, reposed it on the knees of thy blessed Mother, and after all imaginable expressions of piety, reverence, and love, wrapped it up in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre.

The Prayer.

MILD and innocent Lamb of God, thus heartily thou didst love me, these things thou didst for me, these pains most patiently and lovingly thou sufferedst for me. What shall I render unto thee? I adore and glorify thee, I praise thee and give thee

thanks, with all the powers of my soul. Jesus, Son of the living God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hail, most glorious Redeemer of our souls, whose death quickens and gives life to the world.

O blessed Saviour, have mercy on me, for thy goodness' sake; forgive me all my sins, destroy and mortify in me whatever displeaseth thee. Make me one according to thy heart, and grant that to the utmost of my power I may most diligently imitate thy holy life. O blessed Father of heaven! behold I offer the most holy incarnation, life, and passion of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in full satisfaction for all my sins, and perfect amendment of my life. Grant, most merciful Father, for the merits of thy only-begotten Son, to the living mercy and grace, and to the souls departed, rest and life everlasting. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Sacrament.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.

God the Father, Creator of the world,
God the Son, Redeemer of mankind,
God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the elect,
Sacred Trinity, Three persons in one God,

Have mercy on us

Jesus, God and man in two natures and one divine person,

Jesus, our wonderful God, who for our sake vouchsafest to subject thy Almighty self to the power of man, by immediately descending upon our altar when the priest pronounces the words of consecration,

Jesus, our incomprehensible God, who though the heaven of heavens cannot contain thy immensity, yet vouchsafest personally to reside in our churches, and dwell amongst us in a small tabernacle,

Jesus, our Sovereign King, who, though thy throne above is continually surrounded by glorified ministering spirits, yet vouchsafest here, in our most solemn processions, to be accompanied by such mean attendants as ourselves,

Jesus, our heavenly physician, who descendest from thy palace of immortal bliss to our houses of clay, to visit us on our sick-beds,

Have mercy on us.

and give us thyself to comfort our sorrows,

Jesus, our glorious God, who sittest at the right hand of thy eternal Father, adored by innumerable angels, and encompassed with the splendor of inaccessible light,

Jesus, our gracious God, who, condescending to the weakness of our nature, coverest thy glory under the familiar forms of bread and wine, and permittest thyself to be seen, touched, and tasted by wretched sinners,

Jesus, our gracious God, who, concealing the awful brightness of thy Majesty under such low and humble veils, sweetly invitest us to approach thy person, lay open our miseries, and deliver our petitions into thy hands,

Jesus, our gracious God, who, to communicate thy divine nature to miserable sinners, humblest thyself to descend into our breasts, and, by

Have mercy on us.

an inconceivable union, become one with us,

Jesus, the bread of life, that came down from heaven, of which whoever eats shall live for ever,

Jesus, the heavenly manna, whose sweetness nourishes thy elect in the desert of this world,

Jesus, the food of angels, whose deliciousness replenishes our hearts with celestial joys,

Jesus, the lamb without spot, who art every day sacrificed, and yet always living: every day eaten, and still remainest entire,

Jesus, the good shepherd, who layest down thy life for thy sheep, and feedest them with thy own body,

Jesus, who, in this august and venerable mystery, art become thyself the priest and sacrifice,

Jesus, who, in the sacred memorial of thy death, hast abridged all thy wonders into one accumulative miracle,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, who, in this admirable sacrament, hast contracted all thy blessings into one stupendous bounty,

Jesus, who, by this blessed fruit of the tree of life, restorest us again to immortality,

Jesus, who, by sanctifying the most familiar of thy creatures, dost inspire us with a pure desire of thee, and teachest us the right use of the rest,

Jesus, who, by becoming our daily food in this life, preparest us to feed on thee eternally in the next,

Jesus, who, in this divine banquet, givest us possession of thy grace here, and a secure pledge of our glory hereafter,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy, O Lord, *and pardon our sins.*

Have mercy, O Lord, *and hear our prayer.*

From presuming to measure the depth of divine omnipotence by the short line of human reason,

From presuming to interpret the secrets of thy will by the fallible rule of private judgment,

From all distractions and irreverence in assisting at this awful sacrifice,

From neglecting to approach this holy table, and from coming to it negligently,

From an unworthy and fruitless receiving of this adorable sacrament,

From all hardness of heart, and ingratitude for so unspeakable a blessing,

Through thy irresistible power, which changeth the course of nature as thou pleasest,

Through thy unsearchable wisdom, which disposeth all things in perfect order,

Through thy infinite goodness, in

Deliver us, O Lord.

bestowing thyself on us in this incomprehensible mystery,

Through thy blessed body, broken for us on the cross, and really given to us in the holy communion,

Through thy precious blood, shed for us on the cross, and substantially present in the chalice of benediction,

Deliver us, O Lord.

We sinners *beseech thee, hear us.*

That we may always believe nothing more reasonable than to submit reason to faith,

That, by this sacred oblation, we may solemnly acknowledge thy infinite perfections and supreme dominion over all things,

That, by this sacred oblation, we may humbly acknowledge our dependence on thee and absolute subjection to the disposal of thy will,

That we may eternally adore thy goodness, who, standing in no need of us, hast contrived such en-

We beseech thee, hear us.

dearing motives to make us love thee, and be happy,

That we may thankfully comply with thy gracious desire of being united to us, by a fervent desire of being united to thee,

That, before we approach this banquet of divine love, we may sincerely endeavor to be reconciled to thee, and to be in perfect charity with all mankind,

That, at the moment of receiving thy sacred body, our souls may dissolve into reverence and love, to attend on and entertain so glorious a guest,

That, returning from this divine banquet, we may recollect all our thoughts to praise thee, and immediately apply our utmost endeavors to the amendment of our lives,

That, by this heavenly preservative, our hearts may be healed of their infirmities, and strengthened against future relapses,

That, as we adore thee here by

We beseech thee, hear us.

faith under these sacred veils, we may hereafter behold thee face to face, and eternally rejoice in thy presence. } *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

The Antiphon.

THE glorious King of heaven and earth, to show the richness of his bounty, hath prepared a solemn and splendid feast, and calls even the meanest of his subjects to sit down at his table, by his gracious invitation: *Come to me, all you that labour and are oppressed, and I will refresh you; for my blood is drink indeed.*

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from heaven. Alleluia

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. Alleluia.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

The Prayer.

O GOD, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a perpetual memorial of thy passion, grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence these sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may continually perceive in our souls the fruits of thy redemption: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

TO thee, O sacred heart of Jesus! to thee I devote and offer up my life, thoughts, words, actions, pains, and sufferings. May the least

part of my being be no longer employed, save only in loving, serving, honoring, and glorifying thee. Wherefore, O most sacred heart! be thou the sole object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be thou, O most bountiful heart! my justification at the throne of God, and screen me from his anger, which I have so justly merited. In thee I place all my confidence, and, convinced as I am of my own weakness, I rely entirely on thy bounty. Annihilate in me all that is displeasing and offensive to thy pure eye. Imprint thyself like a divine seal on my heart, that I may ever remember my obligation never to be separated from thee. May my name also, I beseech thee by thy tender bounty, be written in the book of life; and may I ever be a victim consecrated to thy glory, ever burning with the flames of thy pure love, and entirely penetrated with it for eternity. In this I place all my happiness: this is all my desire, to

live and die in no other condition than that of thy devoted servant. Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart.

ORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God, the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Jesus,
Heart of Jesus, formed in the womb of the most blessed Virgin,
Heart of Jesus, hypostatically united to the eternal word,
Heart of Jesus, sanctuary of the Divinity,
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the most Holy Trinity,
Heart of Jesus, temple of all sanctity,
Heart of Jesus, fountain of all graces,
Heart of Jesus, most meek,
Heart of Jesus, most humble,
Heart of Jesus, most obedient,
Heart of Jesus, most chaste,
Heart of Jesus, furnace of love,
Heart of Jesus, source of contrition,
Heart of Jesus, treasure of wisdom,
Heart of Jesus, ocean of bounty,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, throne of mercy,
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, sorrowful in the garden,
Heart of Jesus, spent with a bloody sweat,
Heart of Jesus, glutted with reproaches,
Heart of Jesus, consumed for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, made obedient even unto the death of the cross,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
Heart of Jesus, refuge of sinners,
Heart of Jesus, fortitude of the just,
Heart of Jesus, comfort of the afflicted,
Heart of Jesus, main strength of the tempted,
Heart of Jesus, terror of devils,
Heart of Jesus, sanctification of hearts,
Heart of Jesus, perseverance of the good,
Heart of Jesus, hope of the dying,
Heart of Jesus, joy of the blessed,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints, } *Have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: *Hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

V. O most sacred heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

R. That we may worthily love thee with our whole hearts.

Let us Pray.

GOD, who, out of thy immense love, hast given to the faithful the most sacred heart of thy Son, our Lord, as the object of thy tender affection; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so love and honor this pledge of thy love on earth, as by it to merit the love both of thee and of thy gift, and be eternally loved by thee and this most blessed Heart in heaven: through the same Jesus Christ, &c. Amen.

Through thy sacred Heart, O Jesus! overflowing with all sweetness, we recommend to thee ourselves and all our concerns, our friends, benefactors, parents and relatives; our superiors and enemies; take under thy protection this house, city, and country; extend this thy care to all such as are under any affliction, and to those who labor in the agony and pangs of death; cast an eye of compassion on the obstinate sinner, and more particularly on the poor suffering souls in purgatory; as also on those who are engaged and united with us in the holy confederacy of honoring and worshipping thee. Bless these in particular, O bountiful Jesus! and bless them according to the extent of thy infinite goodness, mercy, and charity. Amen.

AN INVITATION; OR THE DEVOUT SOUL'S REPAIR TO THE SACRED HEART.

All the faithful adorers of Jesus are invited to repair, in spirit, every day,

at nine o'clock in the morning and four in the evening, to his divine Heart, in order to make in common some of the following aspirations :—

MOST sacred Heart of Jesus! have mercy on us.

O divine Heart, wounded for love of us! let us ever be sensible of thy bounty, and let thy love ever plead in our favor.

O Heart of Jesus, burning with the love of us, inflame our hearts with the love of thee.

Blessed be the most adorable Heart of Jesus, my God, for ever and ever.

No love, no heart, equals thine, most loving Jesus.

O may thy adorable Heart be for ever praised, and all thanks, both in time and eternity, paid to it.

O adorable Heart of Jesus! mayest thou be known, loved, and adored, throughout the whole world.

O divine fire, ever burning and never ceasing, raise my heart into a flame,

that I may always love, and never cease from loving thee.

THE REPARATION OF HONOR TO THE SACRED HEART.

To be made on the Feast itself, or at any other time, in presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

O MOST amiable and adorable Heart of Jesus; centre of all hearts, glowing with charity, and inflamed with zeal for the interest of thy Father, and the salvation of mankind! O Heart ever sensible of our misery, and ever in motion to redress our evils! the real victim

of love in the holy Eucharist, and a propitiatory sacrifice for sin on the altar of the cross! seeing that the generality of Christians make no other return for those thy mercies than contempt of thy favors, forgetfulness of their own obligations, and ingratitude to the best of benefactors; is it not just that we, thy servants, penetrated with the deepest sense of the like indignities, should enter upon a due and satisfactory reparation of honor to thy most sacred Majesty? Prostrate, therefore, in body, and humble in mind, before heaven and earth, we solemnly declare our utter detestation and abhorrence of such conduct. Inexpressible, we know, was the bitterness which the multitude of our sins brought on thy tender heart; insufferable the weight of our iniquities, which pressed thy face to the earth in the garden of Olives; and insurmountable thy anguish when expiring with love, grief, and agony, on Mount Calvary. In thy last breath thou wouldst reclaim sinners to their duty and repentance.

This we know, O dear Redeemer! and would most willingly redress these thy sufferings by our own, or share with thee in thine.

O merciful Jesus! ever present on our altars, and with a heart open to receive all who *labor and are burdened!* O adorable Heart of Jesus, source of true contrition! impart to our hearts the true spirit of penance, and to our eyes a fountain of tears, that we may bewail and wash off our sins and those of the world. Pardon, divine Jesus! all the injuries, reproaches, and outrages done thee through the course of thy holy life and bitter passion. Pardon all the impieties, irreverences, and sacrileges which have been committed against thee in the sacrament of the Eucharist, from its first institution. Graciously receive the small tribute of our sincere repentance, as an agreeable offering in thy sight, and in requital for the benefits we daily receive from the altar, where thou art a living and a continual sacrifice, and in union with

that bloody holocaust thou didst present to thy Eternal Father on Mount Calvary from the cross.

Sweet Jesus! give thy blessing to the ardent desire we now entertain, and the holy resolution we have taken, of ever loving and adoring thee after a proper manner, in the sacrament of love, the Eucharist; thus to repair, by a true conversion of heart and a becoming zeal for thy glory, our past negligence and infidelity. Be thou, O adorable Heart! who knowest the clay of which we are formed, be thou our mediator with thy heavenly Father, whom we have so grievously offended; strengthen our weakness, confirm our resolution, and with thy charity, humility, meekness, and patience, cover the multitude of our iniquities. Be thou our support, our refuge, and our strength; that nothing henceforth, in life or death, may separate us from thee. Amen.

Indulgences.

AN indulgence is a releasing of temporal punishment, due to such sins as are already forgiven by the sacrament of penance.

An indulgence for the dead remits the pains in purgatory, not by way of absolution or jurisdiction, but only by way of prayer or suffrage accepted by God.

To gain an indulgence, the person must be in the state of grace, and perform the particulars required for the obtaining of the indulgence whilst actually in that state.

A plenary indulgence, duly obtained, is a full and entire remission of all the temporal punishment due to sin.

A particular indulgence is a remission of a part of the temporal punishment due to sin.

Though, by the sacrament of penance duly received, the contrite sinner is reinstated in the favor and friendship of God, and consequently the guilt of eter-

nal damnation cancelled and blotted out, yet from hence it no way follows that all the punishment due for sins is always remitted. Faith teaches us the contrary: and the Church, under the direction of the Holy Ghost, ever imposes some temporal punishment, which we call satisfaction, on the person receiving this sacrament, even in time of its greatest indulgences and jubilees.

The primitive Church was more remarkable in the severity used on these occasions; not that there was any doubt either of the true or sufficient dispositions of the penitent, or of the virtue or efficacy of the absolution, but a satisfaction, or penal austerity, sometimes even of seven, ten, or more years, often of ten, twenty, or forty days, was enjoined.

The Church, as an indulgent mother, ever compassionating the weakness of her children, and finding herself, in the superabundant merits of her spouse, Jesus Christ, possessed of an infinite treasure, dispenses these, her riches, by

indulgences and jubilees to the faithful, in proportion to their wants and the solemnity of the occasion. She moreover points out to each one, by means of the particular injunctions prescribed in her grant of these blessings, how and in what manner we may apply these treasures to our own advantage, and by them pay the whole or part of the debt we have contracted by our transgressions. So that an indulgence of ten years, forty days, and the like, is, in our regard, by acquitting ourselves of what is mentioned and required by and in the grant [as the saying of so many *Paters* and *Aves*, giving such and such alms, &c.], equivalent and equal to the atonement and satisfaction we should or might make to the divine justice, by the performance of a ten years' austerity or a forty days' penance, etc., enjoined by the ancient canons, now mitigated in this manner.

OF A JUBILEE.

A Jubilee is a solemn plenary indulgence, accompanied with certain privileges, relating to censures and dispensations, granted to the inferior pastors of the Church by the superior pontiff, and specified in his bulls or orders, directed to them for that purpose. It is granted every twenty-fifth year, as also upon other extraordinary occasions, to such as, being truly penitent, shall worthily receive the blessed sacrament, and perform the other conditions of *fasting*, *alms*, and *prayers* usually prescribed at such times.

A Prayer for the whole State of Christ's Church upon Earth,

AND ALL THE INTENTIONS OF THE INDULGENCES.

O ETERNAL Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Creator of all things visible and invisible; Source of all good! infinitely gracious, bountiful, and good to us; behold, I, thy poor servant, the work of thy hands, redeemed by the blood of thy only Son, come to present myself as an humble petitioner before the throne of thy mercy. I prostrate myself here before thee, and most humbly beseech thee to sanctify thy own most

holy name, by sanctifying and exalting the holy Catholic Church throughout the whole world. O Eternal King! who hast sent thy only Son down from thy throne above, into this earth of ours, to establish a kingdom here amongst us, from whence we might hereafter be translated to thy eternal kingdom; look down, we beseech thee, upon this kingdom of thy Son, and propagate it through all nations and through all hearts; sanctify it in all truth; maintain it in peace, unity, and holiness. Give to it saints for its rulers its chief pastors, and all other prelates; enlighten them all with heavenly wisdom, and make them all men according to thine own heart. Give thy grace and blessing to all thy clergy, and send amongst them that heavenly fire which thy Son came to *cast on the earth,* and which he so earnestly desired should *be enkindled.* Assist and protect all apostolical missionaries, that they may zealously and effectually promote thy glory and the salvation of souls redeemed by

the blood of thy Son. Sanctify all religious men and women of all orders; give them the grace to serve thee with all perfection according to the spirit of their institute, and to shine like lights to the rest of the faithful. Have mercy on all Christian princes; grant them those lights and graces that are necessary for the perfect discharge of their duty to thee and to their subjects, that they may be true servants to thee, the King of kings, true fathers to their people, and nursing fathers to thy Church. Have mercy on all magistrates and men in power, that they may all fear thee, love thee, and serve thee, and ever remember that they are thy deputies, and ministers of thy justice. Have mercy on all thy people throughout the world; and give thy blessing to thine inheritance; remember thy congregation which thou hast possessed from the beginning; and give that grace to all thy children here upon earth, that they may do thy holy will in all things, even as the blessed do in heaven.

Extend thy mercy also to all poor infidels who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; to all those nations that know not thee, and that have not yet received the faith and law of thy Son our Saviour; to all Pagans, Mahomedans, and Jews. Remember, O Lord! that all these poor souls are made after thy own image and likeness, and redeemed by the blood of thy Son. O let not Satan any longer exercise his tyranny over these thy creatures, to the great dishonor of thy name. Let not the precious blood of thy Son be shed for them in vain. Send amongst them zealous preachers and apostolic laborers, endued with the like graces and gifts as the apostles were, and bless them with the like success for the glory of thy name, that all these poor souls may be brought to know thee, love thee, and serve thee here in thy Church, and bless thee hereafter for all eternity.

Look down also with an eye of pity and compassion upon all those deluded souls, who, under the name of Christians,

have gone astray from the paths of truth and unity, and from the one fold of the one Shepherd, thy only Son Jesus Christ, into the by-paths of error and schism. O bring them back to thee and to thy Church. Dispel their darkness by thy heavenly light; take off the veil from before their eyes, with which the common enemy has blindfolded them; let them see how they have been misled by misapprehensions and misrepresentations. Remove the prejudices of their education; take away from them the spirit of obstinacy, pride, and self-conceit. Give them an humble and docile heart. Give them a strong desire of finding out the truth, and a strong grace to enable them to embrace it, in spite of all the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. For why should these poor souls perish for which Christ died? Why should Satan any longer possess these souls which, by their baptism, were dedicated to thee to be thy eternal temple?

Father of Light, and God of all truth!

purge the whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions, and vices. Beat down the standard of Satan, and set up everywhere the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of sin, and establish the kingdom of grace in all hearts. Let humility triumph over pride and ambition; charity over hatred, envy, and malice; purity and temperance over lust and excess; meekness over passion; and disinterestedness and poverty of spirit over covetousness and the love of this perishable world. Let the gospel of Jesus Christ, both in its belief and practice, prevail throughout the whole universe.

Grant to us thy peace, O Lord! in the days of our mortality, even that peace which thy Son bequeathed as a legacy to his disciples—a perpetual peace with thee, a perpetual peace with one another, and a perpetual peace within ourselves. Grant that all Christian princes may love, cherish, and maintain an inviolable peace among themselves. Give them a right sense of the dreadful evils

that attend on wars. Give them an everlasting horror of all that bloodshed, of the devastation and ruin of so many territories, of the innumerable sacrileges and the eternal loss of so many thousand souls, as are the dismal consequences of war. Turn their hearts to another kind of warfare; teach them to fight for a heavenly kingdom.

Remove, O Lord! thy wrath, which we have reason to apprehend is actually hanging over our heads for our sins. Deliver all Christian people from the dreadful evil of mortal sin; make all sinners sensible of their misery; give them the grace of a sincere conversion to thee, and a truly penitential spirit, and discharge them from all their bonds. Preserve all Christendom, and in particular this nation, from all the evils that threaten impenitent sinners; such as plagues, famines, earthquakes, fires, inundations, mortality of cattle, sudden and unprovided death, and thy many other judgments here, and eternal damnation hereafter. Comfort all that are

under affliction, sickness, or violence of pain; support all that are under temptation; reconcile all that are at variance; deliver all that are in slavery or captivity; defend all that are in danger; grant relief to all in their respective necessities; give a happy passage to all that are in their agony. Grant thy blessing to our friends and benefactors; to all those for whom we are particularly bound to pray; and have mercy on all our enemies. Give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, and bring us all to everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.

A Universal Prayer

FOR ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO SALVATION.

O MY God, I believe in thee; do thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in thee; do thou secure them. I love thee with my whole heart; teach me to love thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended thee; do thou increase my sorrow.

I adore thee as my first beginning, I aspire after thee as my last end. I give thee thanks as my constant benefactor. I call upon thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by thy wisdom; to restrain me by thy justice; to comfort me by thy mercy; to defend me by thy power.

To thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; that henceforward I may think only of thee, speak of thee, and willingly refer all my actions to thy greater glory; and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things thy will may be done, because it is thy will, and in the manner that thou willest.

I beg of thee to enlighten my understanding; to inflame my will; to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences; to overcome my temptations; to subdue my passions; and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affections for thy goodness; a hatred of my faults; a love of my neighbor; and a contempt of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification; avarice by alms-deeds; anger by meekness; and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings; courageous in dangers; patient in affliction, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers; temperate at my meals; diligent in my employments, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure; my exterior modest; my conversation edifying, and my comportment regular.

Assist me, that I may continually labor to overcome nature; correspond with thy grace; keep thy commandments, and work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world; the greatness of

heaven; the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death; fear thy judgments; escape hell; and, in the end, obtain heaven: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Instructions and Devotions for the Sick.

IF attacked by any serious illness, let it be your first care to send for your spiritual director, and settle the state of your soul; which is much better done at the beginning than afterwards, when the violence of the disorder, or the quality of the remedies, may render you incapable of performing so great a work. Sickness is frequently the punishment of sin, and therefore a sincere repentance and confession is often a more effectual means of recovery than any other.

2. If your Will be not already made, as in prudence it ought, let this also be done in the beginning of your sickness, that so having settled your *temporal concerns*, you may apply your soul without disturbance to your *spiritual ones*.

3. Engage your best friends to give you timely notice whether your distemper be dangerous, and not flatter you with the hopes of life, when there

are little or no grounds for hope. Make the best use possible of that time, which perhaps is to be your last. Admit but of few visits, nor of any other discourse but such as may be for the profit of your soul.

4. Be careful also to discharge your debts, and all other obligations incumbent upon you, at the beginning of your sickness: forgive those who have any ways injured you, and ask pardon of those whom you have injured.

5. Receive your sickness as coming from the hands of God, with a perfect resignation to his holy will, and as a just punishment of your offences. Frequently offer yourself up to him, and beg that he would grant you patience, sanctify your sufferings, and accept of them in union with those of Jesus Christ your Saviour, in satisfaction of the punishment due to your sins.

6. Procure some friend to read to you such prayers as are most affecting and proper for your condition: such as the Penitential Psalms, the Litanies,

Acts of the Love of God, of patience, resignation, &c.

7. Place a crucifix, or figure of Christ crucified, always before your eyes, in order to think often upon his passion: hide yourself in spirit in his wounds, and embrace his feet with the utmost affection of your soul.

8. Endeavor, as much as possible, to acquire a penitential spirit during your sickness; call often on God for mercy, and make frequent acts of contrition for your sins. St. Augustin used to say, that no Christian, however innocent his life might have been, ought to venture to die in any other state than that of a penitent.

A Daily Prayer in Time of Sickness.

ORD Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness, with which thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from thy fatherly hand. It is thy will it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit: *thy will be done on earth as*

it is in heaven. May this sickness be to the honor of thy holy name, and to the good of my soul. For this end, I here offer myself with an entire submission to thy appointments; to suffer whatever thou pleasest, as long, and in what manner thou pleasest. For I thy creature, O Lord, have most ungratefully offended thee, and as my sins have long since cried aloud to heaven for justice, how can I now complain of thy chastisements? No, my God, thou art just in all thy ways; I have truly deserved thy punishment, and therefore can have no reason to complain of thee, but rather of my own wickedness.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath; but have compassion on my weakness. Thou knowest my frailty, and that I am nothing but dust and ashes. Deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, nor punish me according to my iniquities; but according to the multitude of thy tender mercies have compassion on me. May thy justice, O Lord, be tempered

with mercy; and let thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this illness. Enable me with strength from above to bear all the uneasiness, pains, and difficulties of my sickness with Christian patience, and to accept them with cheerfulness, in just punishment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be thou to me a tower of strength against the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may no ways offend thee. And should it be my last, I beg of thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may neither neglect nor be deprived of those helps which thou hast, in thy mercy, ordained for the safe conduct of my soul in its passage to eternity; that being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, hope in thee, love thee above all things, and, through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee forever. Amen.

Acts of the most necessary Virtues to be made in Time of Sickness.

LORD, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and resign myself entirely to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will, but thine be done: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

I offer up to thee, O Lord, all that I now suffer, or may hereafter suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion.

I adore thee, O my God and my All, as my first beginning and last end; and bowing down all the powers of my soul in thy presence, desire to pay thee the best homage I am able.

I desire to praise thee, O Lord, without ceasing, in sickness as well as in health: and to join my heart and voice with the whole Church in heaven and on earth, in blessing thee forever.

I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and thy

whole Church, through Jesus Christ thy Son; and, above all, for his having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with his precious blood. O let not that blood be shed for me in vain!

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which thou hast revealed, and which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches: thou art the sovereign Truth, who neither canst deceive nor be deceived: and thou hast promised the Spirit of Truth to guide thy Church into all truth. *I believe in God the Father Almighty, &c.* In this faith I resolve, through thy grace, both to live and die: O Lord, strengthen and increase my faith.

O my God, all my hopes are centred in thee, from whom I hope for mercy, grace, and salvation, through the passion and death of my blessed Redeemer. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: O let me never be confounded.

O sweet Jesus, receive me into thy arms in this day of my distress: hide

me within thy wounds, bathe my soul in thy precious blood.

I love thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things: at least, I desire so to love thee. O! come now, and take full possession of my soul, and teach me to love thee forever.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

When, O Lord, will thy kingdom come? When wilt thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

I desire to embrace every neighbor in the arms of perfect charity, for the love of thee. I forgive, from my heart, all that have any ways offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have any ways offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities.

O! who will give water to my head, and fountains of tears to my eyes, that night and day I may bewail my sins!

O! that I had never offended so good

a God! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have preserved their baptismal innocence.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I recommend my soul to God my Creator, who made me out of nothing; to Jesus Christ my Saviour, who redeemed me with his precious blood; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I renounce from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works; and abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Suffer not this mortal enemy of my soul, O Lord, to have any dominion over me, either now, or at my last hour. O let thy holy angels defend me from all the powers of darkness.

O holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a poor sinner, now, and at the hour of my death. O all ye blessed angels and saints of God, pray for me a poor sinner.

It may also be proper to read some part of the Meditations on the Passion of Christ, *the* Miserere, *or other penitential psalms, devout acts of contrition, &c., but not too much at a time, lest it might fatigue the sick person.*

A Daily Preparation for Death.

MY heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready: not my will, but thine be done. I resign myself entirely to thee, O Lord, to receive death at the time and in the manner it shall please thee to send it.

2. I most humbly ask pardon for all the sins I have committed against thy sovereign goodness, and repent of them all from the bottom of my heart.

3. I firmly believe whatsoever the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches; and by thy grace I will die in this belief.

4. I hope to possess eternal life through thy infinite mercy, and the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

5. O my God, my sovereign good, I desire to love thee above all things, and to despise this miserable world. I desire to love my neighbor as myself, for the love of thee, and from my heart to forgive all injuries.

6. O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive thy sacred body! O! come now into my soul, at least by a spiritual communion. O! grant that I may worthily receive thee before my death! I desire to unite my communion to all the worthy communions which shall be made in thy holy Church, even to the end of the world.

7. Grant me the grace, O my divine Saviour, perfectly to efface all the sins I have committed by any of my senses, by applying daily to my soul thy blessed merits, the holy unction of thy precious blood.

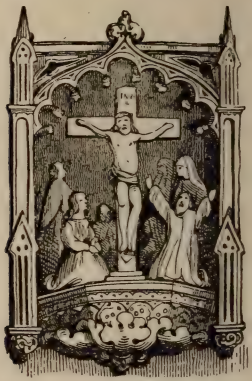
8. Holy Virgin, Mother of God, defend me from my enemies in my last hour, and present me to thy divine Son. Glorious St. Michael, prince of the heavenly host; my angel guardian, and bles-

sed patrons, intercede for me, and assist me in this my last and dreadful passage.

9. O my God, I renounce all temptations of the enemy, and in general whatsoever may displease thee. I adore and accept thy divine appointments with regard to my soul, and entirely abandon myself to them as most just and equitable.

10. O Jesus, my divine Redeemer, be to me a Saviour. Save me, O my God, hiding myself with an humble confidence in thy dear wounds. I deliver my soul into thy divine hands; receive it in the bosom of thy divine mercy. Amen.

Litany for a Happy Death.



O LORD Jesus, God of goodness and Father of mercies, I approach to thee with a contrite and humble heart: to thee I recommend the last hour of my life, and the decision of my eternal doom.

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to the end,

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

themselves on thee, my last and only support,

When my face, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; when my hair, bathed in the sweat of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forebode my approaching end,

When my ears, soon to be forever shut to the discourse of men, shall be open to the irrevocable decree, which is to cut me off from the living,

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness, who will endeavor to conceal thy mercies from my eyes, and to plunge me into despair,

When my poor heart, yielding to the pressure, and exhausted by its frequent struggles against the ene-

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

mies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death,

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins; grant that I may expire the victim of penance, and in that dreadful moment,

When my friends and relations, encircling my bed, shall shed the tear of pity over me, and invoke thy clemency in my behalf,

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, when the world shall have vanished from my sight, when my agonizing soul shall feel the sorrows of death,

When my last sigh shall summon my soul to burst from the embraces of the body, and to spring to thee on the wings of impatience and desire,

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

and cold, receive this separation as a homage which I willingly pay to thy Divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life,

When at length my soul, admitted to thy presence, shall first behold the splendor of thy Majesty, reject me not, but receive me into thy bosom, where I may forever sing thy praises, and in that moment, when eternity shall begin to me,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embraces of thy love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Litany for the Sick, and Preparation for Death.

LORD, have mercy upon him (her or me).
Christ, have mercy upon him, &c.
Lord, have mercy upon him, &c.
O God the Father, Creator of the world, *have mercy on him, &c.*
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on him, &c.*
O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect, *have mercy on him, &c.*
O Blessed Trinity, three Persons and one God, *have mercy on him, &c.*

Holy Mother of God,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye blessed company of the Just,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Martyrs,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
} *Pray for him (her or me).*

All ye holy Saints of God, *Make intercession for him (her or me).*

Have mercy, *O Lord! and spare him, &c.*

Have mercy, *O Lord! and hear him, &c.*

From all his sins and offences, and the punishment due to them,
From all temptations, and the snares of the Devil,
From all impatience, and repining at thy just chastisements,
From dejection of spirit, and diffidence in thy mercies,
From all undue fears of death, and all immoderate desires of life.
From distraction of mind, and neglect of his preparation for eternity,
By thy Cross and Passion,
By thy Death and Burial,
By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,
In the hour of death and in the day of judgment,

Deliver him (her or me), O Lord!

We sinners *beseech thee to hear us.*

That it would please thee to comfort him in his sorrows, and enable him to look beyond death, to the blessed state it leads to,

That it would please thee to remind him of all thy mercies, and by them encourage him to a sure confidence in thee,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe him the grace to order all his temporal affairs with prudence, justice, and charity; and with a free and quiet mind wholly to attend to dispose himself for heaven,

That thou wouldst sanctify this thy fatherly correction of him; that the sense of his weakness may add strength to his faith, and seriousness to his repentance,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe him the grace to confess sincerely; to repent of all his sins, and grant him perfect remission and forgiveness of them,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe

We beseech Thee to hear us!

him the grace heartily to forgive all those that have offended him; and to satisfy, to the utmost of his power, whoever hath suffered the least prejudice by him,

That being thus reconciled to thee, and to all the world, he may, with assured hope and steadfast faith, receive the sacrament of thy blessed body; and may the strength of that heavenly food cheer his fainting spirits, and carry him on with joy, in thy favor, to the end,

That a patient submission under the pains of his sickness may expiate the punishment due to his sins, diminish his love of this world, and increase his desire of the next,

That in whatever thy providence hath ordained concerning him, he may readily acquiesce, and both in life and death be always thine,

We beseech Thee to hear us!

Son of God, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us!*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. *Our Father, &c.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, in whose hands are life and death; whose infinite wisdom disposes all things advantageously for them who love thee; behold thy servant, whom thou hast cast upon a bed of sickness; comfort, we beseech thee, his afflicted spirit; increase his faith, strengthen his hope, and perfect his charity: sanctify for him all his sufferings; and if thy mercy shall restore him to his health, may he carefully correct the errors of his past life. If it please thee to call him out of this world, grant that he

may pass safely through the shades of death, transported by thy holy angels into the mansions of bliss, where no fear shall trouble him, no pain afflict him, nor grief disturb the quiet of his mind; but pure delight, unspeakable joys, and perfect security shall be forever confirmed to him, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before receiving the Viaticum, or the Holy Communion.

O DEAR Jesus, I adore thee with all my heart; I give thee thanks for that infinite love which thou showedst to poor sinners in dying for them on the cross, and for thy unspeakable goodness, displayed in this heavenly banquet. Hither thou art now pleased to invite me, but how can I approach —I who have so ungratefully offended thee, and who have lived so unworthy of my profession!

I acknowledge, O God, that I am a sinner, a poor miserable sinner. Thou alone

art my hope, to thee I raise my eyes, who art rich in mercy; who art my Advocate, and most powerful Mediator. I commit my cause into thy hands. Help me now in my distress! let thy precious blood, the infinite treasure of thy merits, supply all my deficiencies, while I partake of this sacred food. Thou knowest my weakness, thou knowest my unworthiness; thou seest how unfit I am, through the multitude and enormity of my sins, to appear before thy judgment-seat: I tremble at that dreadful hour when my manifold transgressions shall be laid before me. What shall I do then, O Keeper of Men! What must become of me, if my iniquities are to decide my eternal destiny? O Jesus, let me not go alone into that place of terror: come thou into my soul, accompany it to the tribunal of God; there let all thy mercies plead for me! though I have nothing to trust to in myself, yet upon thy infinite goodness I have every reason to rely. Let us, then, my soul, confidently recur to the mercies of our Lord; there let us shelter ourselves

in the virtue of his blessed wounds; there, though our sins cry aloud for justice, his precious blood still cries louder for mercy. It is on this mercy I depend; in this I hope; and in this hope I desire to die: come, dear Jesus, now into my soul, and possess it forever.

Thou art my Lord and my God; behold I am thy servant: give me understanding and strengthen me, that I may ever conform to thy holy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the spotless Lamb who takest away the sins of the world. Take from me all that is sinful, and give me that which is pleasing in thy sight.

Thou art my love and my joy, my God, and my all; thou art my portion and inheritance; it is thou who wilt restore my inheritance to me.

Let the powerful force of thy love affect all my faculties; let it entirely change my heart, that for love of thee I may die to the world, who for love of me wast pleased to die on the cross.

Into thy hands I commit and surren-

der my spirit and remainder of life, and my whole being, whilst I am in possession of it, and have the power of making the offer and sacrifice.

An Act of Thanksgiving, after having received the Holy Communion, or Viaticum.

GLORY and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord, who in thy sweetness hast been pleased to visit and refresh my poor soul. Now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

Now thou art come to me, I will not let thee go; now I willingly bid farewell to the world; and with joy I go to thee, my God.

Nothing more, O dear Jesus, nothing more shall separate me from thee. Now

I am united to thee, in thee I will live, in thee I will die, and in thee I hope to abide forever.

Now life seems uneasy to me; I desire to be dissolved, and be with Christ; for Christ is my life, and to die will be my gain.

Now I will fear no evils, though I walk in the shadow of death, because thou art with me, O Lord: as the hart pants after the fountains of water, so does my soul after thee: my soul thirsts after the Fountain of Living Water: O when shall I come, and appear before the face of my God!

Give me thy blessing, O Jesus, and establish my soul in everlasting peace; such peace, as only thou canst give; such peace, as it may not be in the power of my enemy to destroy.

O that I were happily united to thee forever; that I were wholly swallowed up and buried in thee! O that my soul were at rest in thy happiness, and in the enjoyment of thee, my God, forever!

What have I more to do with the world? And in heaven what have I to desire but thee, my God?

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; receive me, sweet Jesus! In thee may I rest, and in thy happiness rejoice without end. Amen.

A Prayer before Extreme Unction.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, in thy great mercy, hast provided powerful resources for all our necessities; grant me grace to have recourse to them with such dispositions, that my soul may partake of all those great advantages and salutary effects, which thou hast appointed in their institution. Thou hast instituted the sacrament of Extreme Unction for the benefit of the sick, who in their extremity stand more particularly in need of grace and consolation. I now desire to receive this heavenly medicine, for the ends for which it has been instituted. Grant, I beseech thee, that this holy Unction may produce in me all its happy fruits;

by healing my soul, by fortifying me against all temptations, by supporting me in the hour of anguish and distress, and by preparing me for a happy passage, or for whatever may be thy holy will. If thou foreseest that my health will be conducive to thy greater glory, and expedient for my eternal salvation, let this be the means to restore it. I absolutely submit to thy will: I wish not so much to live as to serve thee. Dispose of me as thou knowest best; all I desire is the accomplishment of thy will; give me health or sickness, life or death; give me whatever thou pleasest; not my will but thine be done; it is a greater happiness to fulfil thy will than to enjoy ten thousand lives. How happy should I be, if the destruction of my body could repair the injuries I have offered to thy divine Majesty! My eyes, alas! have seen vanities; my ears have been open to detractions, to profane and unprofitable discourses; my tongue has many ways offended both in speaking and tasting, my hands have

contributed to many follies; my feet have often gone astray in the paths of vanity and sin. By this holy anointing, and by the prayers of thy Church, pardon me, O Jesus, all the sins which I have committed by my senses. Let those avenues, through which sin has made its ways into my soul, be now shut to the world. Let my eyes be opened to thee alone. Let my ears be attentive to thy commandments. Let my tongue be solely employed in soliciting for mercy. Let my prayers ascend like incense in thy sight. Let my hands be lifted up to heaven for pardon. Let my feet walk in thy ways, and let my heart be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Into thy hands, O dear Jesus, I commend my spirit. In thee I will live, in thee I will die, in thee I will abide, and in thee I hope to possess eternal rest forever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer after Extreme Unction.

O MY God, thou hast created, redeemed, and sanctified me; thou

hast preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. Thou hast nourished me with the adorable sacrament of thy body and blood, and granted me to receive the rites of thy Church, preferably to so many others, who were carried off by a sudden death, without having been favored with those succors which thou hast bestowed upon me, a most ungrateful sinner. For these, and all other blessings, I offer thee innumerable thanks; to thee I resign my heart; receive it for a holocaust. I do not desire to be freed from my pains; thou knowest what is best for me; take from me all murmuring; give me patience to suffer whatever thou pleasest; if it be thy divine pleasure to inflict on my weak body greater punishments than I now suffer, my heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready to accept them, and to suffer in whatever manner and measure shall be most conformable to thy will. This one grace I most earnestly beg of thee, my God, that I may die the death of thy elect,

and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory life, into the kingdom of thy glory, there to see and enjoy thee, in the company of the blessed, for all eternity. Amen.

Litany for a Soul Departing.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
Holy Abel,
All ye choirs of the just,
Holy Abraham,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye patriarchs and prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. John,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of the Lord,
All ye holy innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Laurence,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Augustin,

Pray for him (her).

All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
St. Benedict,
St. Francis,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Lucy,
All ye holy virgins and widows,
Pray for him (her).

All ye saints of God, *make intercession for him (her).*

Be merciful, *Spare him (her), O Lord.*

Be merciful,
From thy anger,
From the danger of death,
From an unhappy death,
From the pains of hell,
From all evil,
From the power of the devil,
By thy nativity,
By thy cross and passion,
By thy death and burial,
By thy glorious resurrection,
By thy admirable ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
Deliver him (her), O Lord.

We sinners, *Beseech thee to hear us.*
That thou spare him (*her*), *We beseech thee to hear us.*
Lord, have mercy on us!
Christ, have mercy on us!
Lord, have mercy on us!

Let us pray.

DEPART, Christian soul, out of this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee: in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee: in the name of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified thee: in the name of the angels, archangels, thrones, and dominations, cherubim and seraphim: in the name of the patriarchs and prophets, of the holy apostles and evangelists, of the holy martyrs and confessors, of the holy monks and hermits, of the holy virgins, and of all the saints of God, let thy place be this day in peace, and thy abode in holy Sion, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of mercy, God of goodness; O God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies forgivest the sins of such as repent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences, mercifully regard this thy servant N., and grant him (*her*) a full discharge from all his (*her*) sins, who most earnestly begs it of thee. Remove, O merciful Father, whatever is corrupt in him (*her*) through human frailty, or by the snares of the enemy; make him (*her*) a true member of the Church, and let him (*her*) partake of the fruit of thy redemption. Have compassion, Lord, on his (*her*) tears, and admit him (*her*) to the reconciliation with thee, who has no hope but in thee, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I recommend thee, dear brother (*sister*), to Almighty God, and leave thee to his mercy, whose creature thou art; that having paid the common debt, by surrendering thy soul, thou mayest return to thy Maker, who formed thee out of the earth. Let

therefore the splendid company of angels meet thy soul at its departure; let the court of the apostles receive thee; let the triumphant army of glorious martyrs conduct thee; let the crowds of joyful confessors encompass thee; let the choir of blessed virgins go before thee; and let a happy rest be thy portion in the company of the patriarchs; let Christ Jesus appear to thee with a mild and cheerful countenance, and give thee place among those who are to be in his presence forever. Mayest thou be a stranger to all that which is punished with darkness, chastised with flames, and condemned to torments. Let the wicked enemy, with all his evil spirits, depart from thee: may he tremble at thy approach in the company of angels, and retire into the horrid confusion of eternal night. May thy God arise, and thy enemies be put to flight. May all who hate him, fly before his face. Let them vanish like smoke, and as wax before the fire, so let sinners perish in the sight of God:

but for the just, let them rejoice and be happy in his presence. May all the ministers of hell be filled with confusion and shame; and let no evil spirit dare to stop thee in thy way. Christ Jesus be thy deliverer, who was crucified for thee. Christ Jesus deliver thee from death, who vouchsafed to die for thee. Christ Jesus, Son of the living God, place thee in his garden of paradise, and may he, the true Shepherd, own thee for one of his flock. May he absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand in the inheritance of his elect. We pray it may be thy happy lot to behold thy Redeemer face to face, to be ever in his presence, and in the vision of that truth which is the joy of the blessed: And thus, placed among those happy spirits, mayest thou be ever filled with heavenly sweetness. Amen.

Receive thy servant, O Lord, into the place of salvation, which he (*she*) hopes from thy mercy.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant from all dangers of hell, from all pain and tribulation.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Noah from the flood.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Abraham from the midst of the Chaldeans.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Job from all his afflictions.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Isaac from being sacrificed by his father.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy

servant, as thou deliveredst Lot from Sodom, and the flames of fire.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Daniel from the lion's den.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst the three children from the fiery furnace, and from the hands of an unmerciful king.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Susanna from her false accusers.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst David from the hands of Saul and Goliath.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy ser-

vant, as thou deliveredst Peter and Paul out of prison.

R. Amen.

And as thou deliveredst that blessed virgin and martyr, St. Thecla, from most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this thy servant, and bring it to the participation of thy heavenly joys.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

WE commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of this thy servant, and beseech thee, Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, that as in mercy to him (*her*) thou becamest man, so now thou wouldst vouchsafe to admit him (*her*) into the number of the blessed. Remember, O Lord, he (*she*) is thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by thee, the only true and living God, for there is no other God but thee, none that can work thy wonders.—Let his (*her*) soul find comfort in thy sight, and re-

member not his (*her*) former sins, nor any of those excesses which he (*she*) has fallen into, through the violence of passion and corruption. For although he (*she*) has sinned, he (*she*) hath retained a true faith in thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; he (*she*) has had zeal for thy honor, and faithfully adored thee his (*her*) God, and Creator of all things.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins and ignorances of his (*her*) youth; but, according to thy great mercy, be mindful of him (*her*) in thy eternal glory. Let the heavens be open to him (*her*) and the angels rejoice with him (*her*). Receive, O Lord, thy servant into thy kingdom. Let the archangel St. Michael, the chief of the heavenly host, conduct him (*her*). Let the holy angels of God meet him (*her*), and bring him (*her*) into the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. May blessed Peter, the Apostle, to whom were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive him (*her*). May holy Paul, the Apostle, who was a vessel of election, help him

(*her*). May St. John, the beloved disciple, to whom God revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for him (*her*). May all the holy apostles, to whom was given the power of binding and loosing, pray for him (*her*). May all the blessed and chosen servants of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the name of Christ, pray for him (*her*). That, being delivered from this body of corruption, he (*she*) may be admitted into the kingdom of heaven, through the assistance and merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

If the dying person be in his senses, the following Acts may be made.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

O MY God! you have created, redeemed, and sanctified me. You have preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. You have

fed me with thy most blessed body and blood. You have shown immense patience in bearing with my repeated crimes, and often called me to repentance. For these and all other blessings bestowed upon me a most ungrateful sinner, I offer you innumerable thanks.

Act of Resignation.

O MY God, I cheerfully receive the certain summons of my death. It is a greater happiness to fulfil your will, than to enjoy ten thousand lives. O happy news of my departure! I shall soon hear the choirs of angels sing your immortal praises. Let slow death hasten on, that dying I may no more offend you, but live with you, and love you eternally.

Act of Contrition.

I AM truly and heartily sorry for all my sins, not through the fear of hell, or hope of reward, but for the love of thee, my God and only God; and

were I beginning, as I am ending my life, I would not offend thee for a thousand worlds. O my God, do not despise a contrite and humble heart.

If the sick party still continue in distress of agony, it would be proper for the assistants to read again the foregoing Litany and Prayers as often as may be necessary.

The soul being now departed, the following Responsory is said.

R. Come to his (*her*) assistance, all ye saints of God; meet him (*her*), all ye angels of the Lord; *Receiving his (*her*) soul; *Presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. May Christ who called thee receive thee, and the angels conduct thee into the bosom of Abraham.

R. Receiving his (*her*) soul, and presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Eternal rest grant him (*her*), O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him (*her*).

Presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Eternal rest grant him (*her*), O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him (*her*).

V. From the gates of hell.

R. Deliver his (*her*) soul, O Lord.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come to thee.

Let us pray.

TO thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of thy servant N., that being dead to this world, he (*she*) may live to thee. And whatever sins he (*she*) has committed through human fraility, we beseech thee in thy goodness mercifully to pardon, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then, for a conclusion, may be added the following Prayer for the assistants.

GRANT, O Lord, that while we here lament the departure of thy servant, we may ever remember, that we are most certainly to follow him (*her*). Give us grace to prepare for that last hour, by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden death, but be ever watching when thou shalt call, that so with the spouse we may enter into eternal glory, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Litany for the Dead.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, receive our prayers.
Lord Jesus, grant our petitions.
O God the Father, Creator of the world, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, deliver the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Holy Ghost, perfecter of the elect, accomplish the bliss of the faithful departed.

Blessed Virgin Mary, who, by the special privilege of grace, wast triumphantly assumed into the kingdom of thy Son, pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Blessed angels, who, ordering aright the first act of your will, were fixed forthwith in unchangeable happiness,

Blessed patriarchs, who were filled with joy when the Desired of Nations put an end to your captivity,

Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Blessed prophets, who, after patiently awaiting the arrival of the Messiah, were at length consoled by a visit from him in person,

Blessed saints, who, at the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, were translated from Limbo to the visible presence of God,

Blessed apostles, who, at the last day, shall sit to judge the twelve tribes of Israel,

Blessed disciples of our Lord, who followed his steps in the narrow paths of perfection,

Blessed martyrs, who passed through the sea of your own blood, entering immediately into the land of promise,

Blessed confessors, who despised the vanity of the earth, and placed your affections on the joys of heaven,

Blessed virgins, who, with your lighted lamps, awaited the coming of the heavenly spouse,

O holy saints, who, being freed

Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

from all irregular attachment to creatures, were perfectly fitted for an immediate union with your Creator, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Be merciful, O Lord, and pardon their sins.

Be merciful, O Lord, and hear their prayers.

From the shades of death, where the light of thy countenance shineth not,

From the evils, to which immortification in this world must expose them in the other,

From thy displeasure, provoked by negligence and ingratitude,

From the pains of purgatory, so justly inflicted upon unexpiated sins,

From the torments incomparably greater than the bitterest anguish of this life,

By the multitude of thy mercies, ever compassionate to human frailties,

By the virtue of thy cross, where-

Deliver them, O Lord!

on thou reconciledst the world to thy Father,

By thy victorious descent into hell, to break the chains of death,

By thy glorious resurrection from the tomb, to open the kingdom of heaven,

By thy triumphant ascension into heaven, to lead captivity captive,

By thy dread coming to judge the world,

Deliver them, O Lord!

We sinners beseech thee to hear us.

That it please thee to hasten the day when thy faithful shall be delivered from the mansions of sorrow,

That it please thee to shorten the time of their expiation, and to admit them speedily into thy heavenly sanctuary,

That it please thee, through the prayers and good works performed in thy Church, to receive them into thy eternal tabernacles,

That it please thee to accept, in

We beseech Thee to hear us!

atonement for their sins, the infinite value of thy unbloody sacrifice,

That the blessed view of Jesus may comfort them, and his unfading glory shine upon them,

That the whole triumphant Church may soon celebrate their deliverance; and the choirs of angels sing new hymns of joy on their never-ending happiness,

That we ourselves may share in their triumph, and unite with all the citizens of heaven in eternal alleluias,

Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us!

Lamb of God, who shalt come with glory to judge the living and the dead, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed!

Lamb of God, at whose presence the heavens and the earth shall be moved, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed!

Lamb of God, in whose book of life the names of thy elect are inscribed,

give rest to the souls of the faithful departed!

The Antiphon.

DELIVER us, O Lord, from eternal death, in that tremendous day when the heavens shall be moved and the earth: whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. We tremble and are sore afraid at the discussion which will take place, and at thy future wrath, when the heavens shall be moved, and the earth; whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

That day is a day of wrath, of calamity, and of misery: a great and a most bitter day; whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Give them, O Lord, eternal rest: and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed the

remission of all their sins, that, by means of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have ever earnestly desired; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer upon the Day of a Person's Decease or Burial.

O GOD, to whom it peculiarly belongeth to have mercy always, and to spare, we humbly beseech thee in behalf of the soul of thy servant N., which thou hast this day called out of the world, that thou wouldst not deliver it into the hands of the enemy, nor be unmindful of it unto the end: but command it to be received by thy holy angels, and conducted to Paradise, its true country; that as in thee it had faith and hope, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but be put in possession of never-ending felicity, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Another.

O LORD, we commend unto thy infinite clemency the souls of thy servants lately deceased; pardon them, we beseech thee, in the multitude of thy mercies, the sins which they have committed through human frailty, and grant them eternal life in thy kingdom of bliss. Amen.

The Thirty Days' Prayer to our Blessed Redeemer.

GLORY, honor, and praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ; may all the world adore thee: blessed be thy holy name, who for us sinners vouchsafedst to be born of an humble Virgin: and blessed be thine infinite goodness, who diedst upon the cross for our redemption.

O Jesus, Son of God, and Saviour of mankind, we beseech thee to have mercy on us, and so dispose our lives here by thy grace, that we may hereafter rejoice with thee forever in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Thirty Days' Prayer to our Blessed Redeemer in honor of his bitter Passion.

O DEAR Jesus, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, the sweet comforter of all sad, desolate, and distressed souls: behold thy poor servant, humbly prostrate at the foot of thy holy cross, bewailing his misery, im-

ploring thy mercy, and beseeching thee to take pity and compassion upon him in this his present and pressing affliction (infirmity, poverty, temptation, trouble, or whatsoever other spiritual or corporal necessity).

Hear my prayers, O assured refuge of all afflicted wretches! behold my tears, consider my sorrows, and remedy my distresses; for finding myself encompassed with very grievous calamities, by reason of my great crimes, I know not whither to fly for succor, or to whom I may make my moan, but to thee, my meek and merciful Saviour, with a full hope and confidence that thou, O my loving Redeemer, wilt vouchsafe to lend the ears of thy ordinary pity and accustomed clemency to the humble petition of thy poor child; and by that sweetness which thy blessed soul perceived at the time of thy alliance with our human nature, when, resolving with the Father and the Holy Ghost to unite thy divine person to mortal flesh for man's salvation, thou didst send the angel to the

Holy Virgin Mary with those happy tidings, and clothing thyself with our human nature, in her chaste womb, remainedst true God and true man, for the space of nine months, in her sacred womb.

By the anguish thou enduredst when, the time of thy designed passion drawing nigh, thou prayedst to thy eternal Father, that if it might stand with his most divine providence, thou desiredst that that bitter chalice might pass away from thee! yet concluding with a most perfect act of resignation: *Not my will, O heavenly Father, but thine be done.*

By the outrageous injuries, shameful disgraces, cruel blows, contumelious blasphemies, forged witnesses, false accusations, and unjust judgments, which thou, innocent Lamb! patiently enduredst; by the shackles which fettered thy limbs, the tears which flowed from thine eyes, the blood which trickled from thy whole body; by the fears, sorrows, and sadness of thy heart; by the shame thou receivedst in being stripped

of thy garments, to hang naked on the cross, in the sight of thy sorrowful Mother, and in the presence of all the people.

By thy royal head crowned with thorns, and smitten with a reed; by thy thirst quenched with vinegar and gall; by thy side opened with a spear, whence issued blood and water, to refresh our souls with that living fountain of thy love and mercy; by the sharp nails wherewith thy tender hands and feet were cruelly pierced and fastened to the cross; by the recommendation of thy departing soul to thy heavenly Father, saying, *Into thy hands I commend my spirit;* by thy praying for thy enemies, saying, *O Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do;* by thy giving up the ghost, when thou criedst out with a loud voice, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* and then, bowing down thy most blessed head to impart the kiss of peace, saidst, *It is consummated.*

By the great mercy thou showedst

towards the penitent thief, saying, *This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise;* by thy descent into Limbus, and the joy thou communicatedst to the just souls therein detained; by the glory of thy triumphant resurrection, and the consoling apparition thou frequently didst make for forty days' space to thy sacred Virgin Mother, to thy Apostles, and thy other chosen friends and servants; by thy admirable ascension, when, in the sight of thy Mother and thy Apostles, thou wast elevated into heaven; by the miraculous coming down of the Holy Ghost in the form of fiery tongues, whereby thou replenishedst the hearts of thy Disciples with thy love, and gavest them strength and courage to plant thy faith in the whole world; by the dreadful day of general judgment, on which thou art to pass sentence on all mankind.

By all those sorrows, joys, passions, compassions, and whatsoever else is near and dear to thee in heaven and on earth, take pity on me, O compassionate Re-

deemer; hear my prayers; and grant me that for which I now most humbly and heartily petition thee.

[*Mention here the thing you desire; or reflect mentally upon it.*]

GIVE me, O gracious Saviour, speedy and efficacious feelings of thy divine succor and comfort, who, according to the accustomed sweetness of thy tender heart, art wont to grant the requests of them who really fear and love thee, even to their own soul's desire and satisfaction; bestow on me, also, O my blessed Lord Jesus, a constant faith, a confident hope, a perfect charity, a cordial contrition, a sincere confession, a competent satisfaction, a diligent custody of myself from future failings, a heroic contempt of the world, a complete conquest of my passions, a zealous imitation of thy exemplary life and conversation, an entire accomplishment of my vows, an absolute mortification of my self-will, a willing

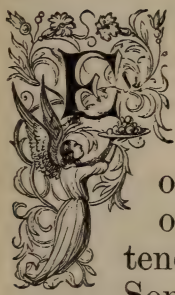
readiness to die for thy love and honor, a final perseverance in grace and good works, a happy departure of my soul out of this world, with my perfect senses about me, thy holy sacraments to strengthen me; thyself, O dear Jesus, to comfort me; thy sacred Virgin Mother, with the saints, my particular patrons, to pray for me, and my good angel to conduct me to eternal rest, eternal life, eternal happiness. Amen.

The Thirty Days' Prayer to the B. V. Mary,

IN HONOR OF THE SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST;

By the devout recital of which, for the above space of time, we may mercifully hope to obtain our lawful request. It is particularly recommend-

ed as a proper devotion for every day in Lent, and all the Fridays throughout the year.



EVER glorious and blessed Mary, Queen of Virgins, Mother of Mercy, hope and comfort of dejected and desolate souls, through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart whilst thine only Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, suffered death and ignominy on the cross; through that filial tenderness and pure love he had for thee, grieving in thy grief, whilst from his cross he recommended thee to the care and protection of his beloved disciple, St. John, take pity, I beseech thee, on my poverty and necessities; have compassion on my anxieties and cares; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities and miseries, of what kind soever. Thou art the Mother of Mercies, the sweet Consolatrix and only refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and the af-

flicted. Cast, therefore, an eye of pity on a miserable forlorn child of Eve, and hear my prayer; for since, in just punishment of my sins, I find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils, and oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable Mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than under the wings of thy maternal protection? Attend, therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion, to my humble and earnest request. I ask it, through the bowels of mercy of thy dear Son; through that love and condescension wherewith he embraced our nature, when, in compliance with the divine will, thou gavest thy consent, and whom, after the expiration of nine months, thou didst bring forth from the chaste enclosure of thy womb, to visit this world, and bless it with his presence. I ask it, through that anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on Mount Olivet, when he besought his

eternal Father *to remove from him*, if possible, *the bitter chalice* of his future passion. I ask it, through the threefold repetition of his prayers in the Garden, whence afterwards, with dolorous steps and mournful tears, thou didst accompany him to the doleful theatre of his death and sufferings. I ask it, through the welts and sores of his virginal flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith he was bound and scourged, when stripped of his seamless garment, for which his executioners afterwards cast lots. I ask it, through the scoffs and ignominies by which he was insulted; the false accusations and unjust sentence by which he was condemned to death, and which he bore with heavenly patience. I ask it, through his bitter tears and bloody sweat; his silence and resignation; his sadness and grief of heart. I ask it, through the blood which trickled from his royal and sacred head when struck with the sceptre of a reed, and pierced with his crown of thorns. I ask it, through the excru-

ciating torments he suffered, when his hands and feet were fastened with gross nails to the tree of the cross. I ask it, through his vehement thirst, and bitter potion of vinegar and gall. I ask it, through his dereliction on the cross, when he exclaimed, "My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?" I ask it, through his mercy extended to the good thief, and through his recommending his precious soul and spirit into the hands of his eternal Father before he expired, saying, "All is consummated." I ask it, through the blood mixed with water, which issued from his sacred side when pierced with a lance, and whence a flood of grace and mercy has flowed to us. I ask it, through his immaculate life, bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at which nature itself was thrown into convulsions, by the burstings of rocks, rending of the veil of the Temple, the earthquake, and darkness of the sun and moon. I ask it, through his descent into hell, where he comforted the Saints of the old Law

with his presence, and led Captivity captive. I ask it, through his glorious victory over death, when he arose again to life on the third day, and through the joy which his appearance for forty days after gave thee his blessed Mother, his Apostles, and the rest of his Disciples; when in thine and their presence he miraculously ascended into heaven. I ask it, through the grace of the Holy Ghost, infused into the hearts of his Disciples, when he descended upon them in the form of fiery tongues, and by which they were inspired with zeal in the conversion of the world, when they went to preach the Gospel. I ask it, through the awful appearance of thy Son, at the last dreadful day, when he shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. I ask it, through the compassion he bore thee, in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thine Assumption into heaven, where thou art eternally absorbed in the sweet contemplation of his divine perfections. O glorious and

ever-blessed Virgin! comfort the heart of thy suppliant, by obtaining for me

[*Here mention or reflect on your lawful request, under the reservation of its being agreeable to the will of God, who sees whether it will contribute towards your spiritual good*].

And as I am persuaded my divine Saviour doth honor thee as his beloved Mother, to whom he can refuse nothing, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy powerful intercession, according to the tenderness of thy maternal affection, and his filial loving heart, who mercifully granteth the requests, and complieth with the desires of those that love and fear him. Wherefore, O most blessed Virgin, besides the object of my present petition, and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son, our Lord and our God, a lively faith, firm hope, perfect charity, true contrition of heart, unfeigned tears of compunction, sincere

confession, condign satisfaction, abstinence from sin, love of God and my neighbor, contempt of the world, patience to suffer affronts and ignominies, nay even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for love of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Obtain likewise for me, O sacred Mother of God! perseverance in good works, performance of good resolutions, mortifications of self-will, a pious conversation through life, and, at my last moments, strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind, as may enable me to receive the last Sacrament of the Church worthily, and die in thy friendship and favor. Lastly, obtain, I beseech thee, for the souls of my parents, brethren, relatives, and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting. Amen.

A Devout Act of Contrition.

O MY God! the God of my heart! my soul! my life! and all that is within me! whom I have so much offended, that neither the sands on the seashore, the stars in the heavens, the flowers of the fields, nor the leaves of the trees, can equal the infinite number and unspeakable variety of my sins; I have sinned, I have offended thee, and done evil before the face of heaven and earth! I have departed from thy law; turned my back on thy grace; adored what offended thee; made an idol of my guilt, and run on without fear or shame in the ways of deceit, vanity, and perdition. Ah! my God, how much am I grieved for having offended thee! I am more troubled at the greatness of my ingratitude for having offended thee, than at the greatness of the torments which I have deserved for my sins. I would have my sorrow for my sins to be

as great as the sins themselves: I would have my regret for having displeased thee proportioned to the injuries committed against thee: I would have a grief equal to thy mercy: I would willingly bewail the enormity of my sins with tears of blood: more for the offence and insult offered thy divine Majesty, than for the injury and perdition they bring upon myself. But where shall I find so deep a sense of sorrow, save only in the fountain of thy grace? Where shall I find such a grief, save only in the contemplation of thy immense goodness and infinite majesty? Whence are those tears to flow, save only from the ocean of thy mercy? Here I cast myself at thy feet: consider not in what manner, at what time, or how late: consider only that I come. But, ah! Lord, in how miserable a condition! how filthy! how abominable! clad with the deformity of my sins, covered with the filthiness of my offences, and defiled with the abominations of a vicious life! But, in ap-

proaching thee, O my God, I come with the confidence of finding in thy mercy a secure haven; in thy compassion, protection; in thy clemency, a refuge; and in thy goodness, a remedy. Wherefore, O Lord, under the dread of thy justice, I seek no other remedy, save that of thy mercy, nor fly to any other shelter, but that of thy clemency. In thee I place my trust, O my God: for though by sin I have lost the nature and privilege of a son, yet thou, O Lord, infinitely good, dost not lose the nature and condition thou hast of a father. Let then, O Lord, thy infinite grace complete that work in me which thy infinite mercy has begun. Let thy clemency come to the succor of thy miserable creature: take pity and compassion on my poor soul. I am firmly resolved, with the aid of thy grace, to amend my life, confess my sins, and persevere in thy service: to pardon injuries, avoid the occasions of evil, and abhor my vices: to make such restitution as I am able, and to observe, as in

duty bound, all thy commandments. I trust, O Lord, in thy infinite goodness, that thou wilt pardon all my sins, through the death and passion of my Lord Jesus Christ: for though in his wounds there is justice to punish me, yet in the same wounds there is likewise mercy to forgive me. Mercy! mercy! mercy! dear Jesus, have mercy on me.

THE LITTLE OFFICE

OF THE

Immaculate Conception of the B. V. Mary.

At Matins.

V. Now let my lips sing and display,
R. The Blessed Virgin's praise this day,
V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, Lady of the world,
Of Heaven bright Queen.
Hail, Virgin of virgins,
Star early seen.
Hail, full of all grace,
Clear light divine;
Lady, to succor us,
With speed incline.
God, from eternity,
Before all other,
Of the world thee ordain'd
To be the Mother.
By which he created
The heavens, sea, land:
His fair spouse he chose,
Free from sin's band.

V. God hath elected and pre-elected her.
R. He hath made her dwell in his tabernacle.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of Heaven, and Lady of the world, who neither forsakest nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with the eye of pity, and obtain for me, of thy beloved Son, pardon for all my sins: that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy holy conception, may hereafter enjoy the reward of eternal bliss; through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a virgin, didst bring forth; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God in perfect Trinity, forever and ever. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;

R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Prime.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, Virgin most prudent,
House for God placed,
With the sevenfold pillar
And table graced.
Saved from contagion
Of the frail earth:
In the womb of thy parent,
Saint before birth:
Mother of the living,
Gate of Saints' merits,
The new star of Jacob,
Queen of pure spirits:

To Zebulon fearful:
Armies' array:
Be thou of Christians
Refuge and stay.

V. He hath created her in his Holy Spirit.
R. And hath poured her out, over all his works.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Third.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, ark of the covenant,
King Solomon's throne,
Bright rainbow of heaven,
The bush of vision.
The fleece of Gideon,
The flow'ring rod;
Sweet honey of Samson,
Closet of God.
'Twas meet Son so noble
Should save from stain
(Wherewith Eve's children
Spotted remain)
The maid whom for mother
He had elected,
That she might be never
With sin infected.

V. I dwell in the highest;
R. And my throne is the pillar of the clouds.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Sixth.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, Mother and Virgin:
Of the Trinity
Temple; joy of Angels,
Seal of purity,
Comfort of mourners,
Garden of pleasure,
Palm-tree of patience,
Chastity's measure:
Thou, land sacerdotal,
Art blessed wholly,

From sin original
Exempted solely.
The city of the Highest,
Gate of the East;
Virgin's gem, in thee
All graces rest.

V. As the lily among thorns;
R. So my beloved among the daughters of Adam.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Ninth.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, city of refuge,
King David's tower
Fenced with bulwark,
And armor's power.
In thy conception
Charity did flame;
The fierce dragon's pride
Was brought to shame
Judith invincible,
Woman of arms,
Fair Abisaig, Virgin,
True David warms,
Son of fair Rachel
Did Egypt store;
Mary of the world
The Saviour bore.

V. Thou art all fair, O my beloved.
R. And original spot was never in thee.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Even-Song.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, dial, in which
Turns retrograde,
The sun, ten degrees;
The Word is flesh made,
That man from hell pit
To Heaven might rise,
Th' immense above angels,
In stable lies.
This Son did on Mary
Betimes appear,

Made her conception
A morning clear.
Fair lily among thorns,
That serpent frights,
Clear moon that in dark
The wanderer lights.

V. In Heaven I made a never-failing light rise,
R. And I covered all the world as a mist.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord. *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Compline.

V. Let thy Son, Jesus Christ, O Lady, pacified by thy prayers, convert us;
R. And turn his anger from us.
V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, flourishing Virgin,
Chastity's renown;
Queen of clemency,
Whom stars do crown
Thou, pure above Angels,
Dost Son behold,
Sitt'st at his right hand,
Attired in gold.
Mother of grace, hope
To the dismay'd:
Bright star of the sea,
In shipwreck, aid:
Grant, Heaven-gate open,
That by thee blest,
We thy Son may see
In blissful rest.

V. Thy name, Mary, is oil poured out.
R. Thy servants have exceedingly loved thee.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of Heaven, and Lady of the world, who neither forsakest nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with the eye of pity, and obtain for me, of thy beloved Son, pardon for all my sins: that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy holy conception, may hereafter enjoy the reward of eternal bliss; through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a virgin, didst bring forth; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest, &c.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful

departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Commendation.

TO thee, Virgin pious,
We humbly present
These hours canonical
With pure intent.
Guide pilgrims, until
With Christ we meet:
In our agony aid us,
O Virgin sweet. Amen.

This Anthem following, with the Prayer of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, is approved of by Pope Paul V., who had granted a hundred days of indulgence to all faithful Christians that shall devoutly recite the same.

Anthem.

THIS is the branch, in which was neither knot of original, nor bark of actual sin found.

V. In thy conception, O Virgin, thou wast immaculate.
R. Pray unto the Father for us, whose Son thou didst bring forth.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin, didst prepare a fit habitation for thy Son, we beseech thee, that, as by the foreseen death of her same Son thou didst preserve her pure from all spot, so likewise grant, that we, by her intercession made free from sin, may attain unto thee; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Jesus Psalter.

THERE is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved. —*Acts* iv. 12.

This Psalter consists of fifteen petitions, and the glorious Name of Jesus *being repeated ten times before each of them, the repetition is made thrice fifty times. It may be said either all at once, or at thrice, according to a person's devotion and leisure, as this sacred* Name *is not to be repeated hastily over, but with great reverence and devotion.*

PART I.

You must begin by a devout kneeling, or bowing, at the adorable name of Jesus, *saying:—*

IN the name of Jesus, let every knee bow, of things in heaven, of things on earth, and of things under the earth; and let every tongue confess,

that our Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.—*Phil.* ii. 10.

The First petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } *Have mercy on me.*
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, have mercy on me, O God of compassion, and forgive the many and great offences I have committed in thy sight.

Many have been the follies of my life, and great are the miseries I have deserved for my ingratitude.

Have mercy on me, dear Jesus, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, who am unable to help myself.

Deliver me from setting my heart upon any of thy creatures, which may divert my eyes from a continual looking up to thee.

Grant me grace henceforth, for the love of thee, to hate sin; and out of a just esteem of thee, to despise all worldly vanities.

Have mercy on all sinners, Jesus, I beseech thee, turn their vices into virtues, and, making them true observers of thy law, and sincere lovers of thee, bring them to bliss in everlasting glory.

Have mercy also on the souls in purgatory, for thy bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious name, Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on me. *Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Second petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } *Help me.*
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, help me to overcome all temptations to sin, and the malice of my ghostly enemy.

Help me to spend my time in virtuous actions, and in such labors as are acceptable to thee.

To resist and repel the motions of my flesh to sloth, gluttony, and impurity.

To render my heart enamored of vir-

tue, and inflamed with desire of thy glorious presence.

Help me to deserve and keep a good name, by a peaceful and pious living, to thy honor, O Jesus, to my own comfort, and the benefit of others.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Third petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } *Strengthen me.*
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, strengthen me in soul and body, to please thee in doing such works of virtue as may bring me to thy everlasting joy and felicity.

Grant me a firm purpose, most merciful Saviour, to amend my life, and to recompense for the years past:

Those years which I have misspent to thy displeasure in vain or wicked thoughts, words, deeds, and evil customs.

Make my heart obedient to thy will, and ready, for thy love, to perform all the works of mercy.

Grant me the gifts of the Holy Ghost, which, by a virtuous life, and devout frequenting of thy most holy sacraments, may at length bring me to thy heavenly kingdom.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Fourth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } *Comfort me.*
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, comfort me, and give me grace to place my chief, my only joy and felicity in thee.

Send me heavenly meditations, spiritual sweetness, and fervent desires of thy glory; ravish my soul with the contemplation of heaven, where I shall everlastingly dwell with thee.

Bring often to my remembrance thy

unspeakable goodness, thy gifts, and the great kindness thou hast shown me.

And when thou bringest to my mind the sad remembrance of my sins, whereby I have so unkindly offended thee;

Comfort me with the assurance of obtaining thy grace, by the spirit of perfect repentance, which may purge away my guilt, and prepare me for thy kingdom.

Have mercy on all sinners, *as before.*

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The Fifth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } *Make me constant.*
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,

JESUS, make me constant in faith, hope, and charity, giving me perseverance in all virtues, and a resolution never to offend thee.

Let the memory of thy passion, and of those bitter pains thou sufferedst for me, strengthen my patience, and recreate me in all tribulation and adversity.

Let me always hold fast the doctrines of thy Catholic Church, and render me a diligent frequenter of all holy duties.

Let no false delight of this deceitful world blind me, no fleshly temptation, or fraud of the devil, shake my heart:

My heart, which has forever set up its rest in thee, and resolved to undervalue all for thy eternal reward.

Have mercy on all sinners, Jesus, I beseech thee; turn their vices into virtues, and making them true observers of thy law, and sincere lovers of thee, bring them to bliss in everlasting glory.

Have mercy also on the souls in purgatory, for thy bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious name, Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on me.

Our Lord Jesus Christ *humbled himself, being made obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross.*—Phil. ii. 8.

Hear these my petitions, O my most merciful Saviour, and grant me grace so frequently to repeat and consider

them, that they may prove easy steps, whereby my soul may ascend to the knowledge, love, and performance of my duty to thee and my neighbor, through the whole course of my life. Amen.

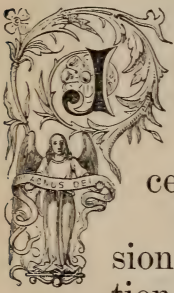
Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.

PART II.

Begin as before, saying:—In the name of Jesus, let every knee, &c.

The Sixth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } *Enlighten me with spiritual wisdom.*



JESUS, enlighten me with spiritual wisdom to know thy goodness, and all those things which are most acceptable to thee.

Grant me a clear apprehension of my only good, and discretion to order my life according to it.

Grant that I may wisely proceed from virtue to virtue, till at length I arrive at the clear vision of thy glorious Majesty.

Permit me not, dear Lord, to return to those sins for which I have been sorry, and of which I have purged myself by repentance and confession.

Grant me grace to benefit the souls of others by my good example, and to reduce those by good counsel who misbehave towards me.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as at first. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Seventh petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} *Grant me grace to fear thee.*

JESUS, grant me grace inwardly to fear thee, and to avoid all occasions of offending thee.

Let thy threats of the torments which are to fall on sinners, the fear of losing thy love and thy heavenly inheritance, always keep me in awe.

Let me not dare to remain in sin, but soon return to repentance, lest through thy anger the dreadful sentence of endless death and damnation fall upon me.

Let the powerful intercession of thy

blessed Mother, and all thy saints; but above all, thy own merits and mercy, O my Saviour, be ever between thy avenging justice and my poor soul.

Enable me, O my God, to work out my salvation with fear and trembling; and let the apprehension of thy secret judgments render me a more humble and diligent suitor to the throne of thy grace.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Eighth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} *Grant me grace to love thee.*

JESUS, grant me grace truly to love thee for thy infinite goodness, and those excessive bounties I have received, and hope forever to receive from thee.

Let the remembrance of thy kindness and patience conquer the malice and

wretched inclinations of my perverse nature.

Let the consideration of my many deliverances, thy frequent calls, and continual assistance in the ways of life, make me ashamed of my ingratitude.

And what dost thou require of me for all thy mercies, or by them, but to love thee? And why dost thou require it, but because thou art my only good?

O my dear Lord, my whole life shall be nothing but a desire of thee: and because I indeed love thee, I will most diligently keep thy commandments.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Ninth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Grant me grace to remember my death.

JESUS, grant me grace always to remember my death, and the great account I am then to give; that so my soul, being always well disposed, may depart out of this world in thy grace.

Then, by the holy intercession of thy blessed Mother, and the assistance of the glorious St. Michael, deliver me from the enemy of my soul; and thou, my good angel, I beseech thee to help me at that most important hour.

Then, dear Jesus, remember thy mercy, and turn not thy most amiable face away from me, because of my offences.

Secure me against the terrors of that day, by causing me now to die daily to all earthly things, and so to have my conversation continually in heaven.

Let the remembrance of thy death teach me how to esteem my life; and the memory of thy resurrection encourage me to descend cheerfully into the grave.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Tenth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } *Send me here my purgatory.*

JESUS, send me here my purgatory, and so prevent the torments of that cleansing fire which attends those souls in the next world that have not been sufficiently purged in this.

Vouchsafe to grant me those merciful crosses and afflictions, which thou seest necessary for the taking off my affections from all things here below.

Since none can see thee that loves any thing which is not for thy sake, suffer not my heart to find any rest here, but in sighing after thee.

Too bitter, alas! will be the anguish of a soul that is separated from thee, that desires, but cannot come to thee, being clogged with the heavy chains of sin.

Here then, O my Saviour, keep me continually mortified to this world; that, being purged thoroughly with the fire of thy love, I may immediately pass hence into thy everlasting possession.

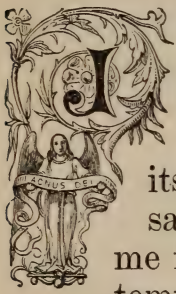
Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as in the fifth petition. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.*

PART III.

Begin as before, saying:—In the name of Jesus, let every knee, &c.

The Eleventh petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Grant me grace to avoid ill company.



JESUS, grant me grace to avoid ill company; or if I chance to come among such, I beseech thee, by the merits of thy uncorrupt conversation among sinners, preserve me from being overcome by any temptations to mortal sin.

Cause me, O blessed Jesus, to remember always with dread that thou art present, and hearest, who wilt take an account of all our words and actions, and wilt judge us according to them.

How dare I then converse with slanderers, liars, drunkards, or swearers; or with such whose discourse is either quarrelsome, dissolute, or vain?

Repress in me, dear Jesus, all inordinate affections to carnal pleasure, and to the delight of taste; grant me grace to avoid such company as would blow the fire of those unruly appetites.

Thy power defend, thy wisdom direct, thy fatherly pity chastise me, and make me live so here among men, that I may be fit for the conversation of angels hereafter.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as at first. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Twelfth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} *Grant me grace to call on thee for help.*

JESUS, grant me grace in all my necessities to call on thee for help, faithfully remembering thy death and resurrection for me.

Wilt thou be deaf to my cries, that wouldst lay down thy life for my ransom? or canst thou not save me, that couldst take it up again for my crown?

Whom have I in heaven but thee, O my Jesus, whose blessed mouth has pronounced, *Call on me in the day of thy trouble, and I will deliver thee?*

Thou art my sure rock of defence against all sorts of enemies; thou art my ready grace, able to strengthen me to every good work.

Therefore, in all my sufferings, weaknesses, and temptations, I will confidently call on thee; hear me, O my Jesus, and, when thou hearest, have mercy.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Thirteenth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } *Make me persevere in virtue.*

JESUS, make me persevere in virtue and a good life, and never give over thy service, till thou bringest me to my reward in thy kingdom.

In all pious customs and holy duties, in my honest and necessary employ-

ments, continue and strengthen, O Lord, my soul and body.

Is my life any thing but a pilgrimage on earth, towards the new Jerusalem, to which he that sits down, or turns out on the way, can never arrive?

O Jesus, make me always consider thy blessed example—through how much pain, and how little pleasure, thou didst press on to a bitter death; that being the way to a glorious resurrection.

Make me, O my Redeemer, seriously weigh those severe words of thine, *He only that perseveres to the end shall be saved.*

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Fourteenth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
} *Grant me grace to fix my mind on thee.*

JESUS, grant me grace to fix my mind on thee, especially in time of prayer, when I directly converse with thee.

Stop the motions of my wandering head, and the desires of my unstable heart; suppress the power of my spiritual enemies, who endeavor at that time to draw my mind from heavenly thoughts to many vain imaginations.

So shall I, with joy and gratitude, look on thee as my deliverer from all the evils I have escaped; and as my benefactor for all the good I have ever received, or can hope for.

I shall see that thou art my only good, and that all other things are but means ordained by thee, to make me fix my mind on thee, to make me love thee more and more, and by loving thee to be eternally happy.

O beloved of my soul, take up all my thoughts here, that my eyes, abstaining from all vain and hurtful sights, may become worthy to behold thee face to face in thy glory forever.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.*

The Fifteenth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Give me grace to order my life towards my eternal welfare.

JESUS, give me grace to order my life towards my eternal welfare, heartily intending, and wisely designing, all the operations of my body and soul to obtain the reward of thy infinite bliss and eternal felicity.

For what else is this world but a school to breed up souls, and fit them for the other; and how are they fitted but by an eager desire of enjoying God, their only end?

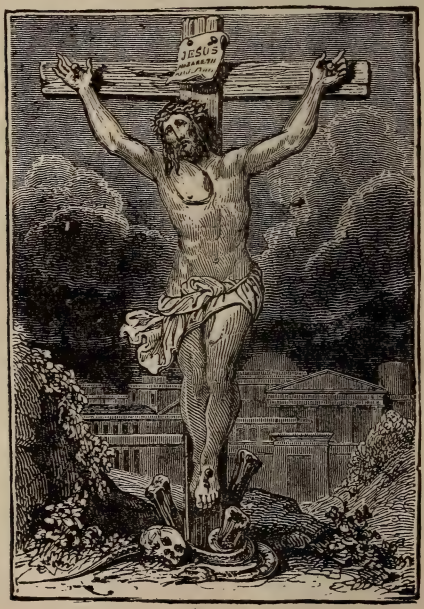
Break my froward spirit, O Jesus; make it humble and obedient: grant me grace to depart hence with contempt of this world, and a heart filled with joy at my going to thee.

Let the memory of thy passion make me cheerfully undergo all temptations or sufferings here for thy love, whilst my soul breathes after that blissful life

and immortal glory which thou hast prepared in heaven for thy servants.

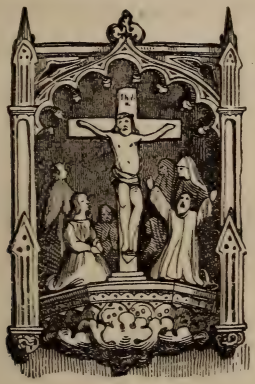
O Jesus, let me frequently and attentively consider that whatever I gain, if I lose thee, all is lost: and whatever I lose, if I gain thee, all is gained.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as in the fifth petition. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.*



A PRAYER

To be daily said by those who carry about with them an Agnus Dei.



O MY Lord Jesus Christ, the true Lamb that takest away the sins of the world! by thy mercy, which is infinite, pardon my iniquities; and by thy sacred passion preserve me this day from all sin and evil. I carry about me this holy *Agnus Dei* in thy honor, as a preservative against my own weakness, and as an incentive to the practice of meekness, humility, and

innocence, which thou hast taught. I offer myself up to thee as an entire oblation, and in memory of that sacrifice of love thou offeredst for me on the Cross, and in satisfaction for my sins. Accept, O my God, the oblation I make, and may it be agreeable to thee in the odor of sweetness. Amen.

THE MEMORARE.

REMEMBER, Mary, tenderest-hearted Virgin, how from of old the ear hath never heard that he who ran to thee for refuge, implored

thy help, and sought thy prayers, was forsaken of God. Virgin of virgins, Mother, emboldened by this confidence I fly to thee, to thee I come, and in thy presence I a weeping sinner stand. Mother of the Word Incarnate, O cast not away my prayer; but in thy pity hear and answer. Amen.

The Stations:

OR,

THE HOLY WAY OF THE CROSS.

The Antiphon.

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WE beseech thee, O Lord, to assist and direct our actions by thy powerful grace, that all our prayers and works may always begin and end with thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A preparatory Act of Contrition.

O JESUS, treasure of my soul, infinitely good, infinitely merciful, behold me prostrate at thy sacred feet! Sinner as I am, I fly to the arms of thy mercy, and implore that grace which melts and converts—the

grace of true compunction. I have offended thee, adorable Jesus! I repent; let the fervor of my love equal the baseness of my ingratitude. This Way of the Cross grant me to offer devoutly in memory of that painful journey thou hast travelled for our redemption, to the Cross of Calvary, with the holy design to reform my morals, amend my life, and gain those indulgences granted by thy vicars on earth. I apply one for my miserable soul, the rest in suffrage for the souls in purgatory, particularly N. N. [Here mention the souls for whom you intend to apply them.] I begin this devotion under thy sacred protection, and in imitation of thy dolorous Mother. Let then this holy exercise obtain for me mercy in this life, and glory in the next. Amen, Jesus.

THE FIRST STATION.

Christ is sentenced to Death by Pilate.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

OUR gracious Redeemer, after suffering blows and blasphemies before Annas and Caiaphas, after the cruel scourging, insulting contempts and bloody crown of piercing thorns, is unjustly condemned to death. This iniquitous sentence your Jesus accepted with admirable humility. Innocence embraces condemnation, to free the guilty.

Reflect that your sins were the false witnesses that condemned him; your stubborn impenitence the tyrant that extorted from Pilate the bloody sentence. Propose now seriously an amendment of life, and while you reflect on the horrid injustice of Pilate, who condemns innocence lest he should not appear a friend of Cæsar, arraign yourself for your many sins of human respect; think how often you have offended God for fear of displeasing the eye of the world, and turning to your loving Jesus, ad-

dress him rather with tears of the heart than with expressions of the tongue, in the following

Prayer.

MANGLED victim of my sins! O suffering Jesus! I have deserved those bloody scourges, that cruel sentence of death; and yet thou didst die for me, that I should live for thee. I am convinced that if I desire to please men, I cannot be thy servant. Let me then displease the world and its vain admirers. I resign myself into thy hands. Let love take possession of my heart; let my eyes behold with contempt every thing that can alienate my affections from thee; let my ears be ever attentive to thy Word; let me through this painful journey accompany thee, sighing and demanding mercy. Mercy, Jesus! Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

You pious Christians who do now draw
near,
With relenting hearts now lend a tear;
Your Lord behold with great humility,
Sentenced to die on Mount Calvary.

THE SECOND STATION.

Christ takes the Cross on his shoulder.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS second Station represents the place where your most amiable Redeemer is clad in his usual attire, after his inhuman executioners had stripped him of the purple garment of derision with which he was clothed, when as a visionary king they crowned him with platted thorns. The heavy burden of the Cross is violently placed on his mangled shoulders.

Behold your gracious Saviour: though torn with wounds, covered with blood, a man of griefs, abandoned by all, with what silent patience he bears the taunts and injuries with which the Jews insult him! He stretches out his bleeding arms, and tenderly embraces the Cross. Reflect with confusion on that sensitive pride which is fired with impatience at the very shadow of contempt,—on your discontented murmurs in your lightest afflictions,—and your obstinate resis-

tance to the will of Heaven in the crosses of life, which are calculated to conduct you, not to a Calvary of Crucifixion, but to the joys of eternal glory, and from your heart unite in the following

Prayer.

MEEK and humble Jesus! my iniquity and perverseness loaded thy shoulders with the heavy burden of the Cross. Yet I, a vile worm of the earth—O shameful ingratitude!—fly even the appearance of mortification, and every thing which could check the violence of my passions; and if I suffered, it was with a murmuring reluctance. I now, O Saviour of the world! detest my past life, and by thy grace am determined no more to offend thee mortally. Let me only glory in the Cross of my Lord, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. Lay then on my stubborn neck the cross of true penance; let me, for love of thee, bear the adversities of this life, and

cleave inseparably to thee in the bonds of perpetual charity. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

No pity for the Lamb was to be found;
As a mock King my loving Lord they crown'd;
He bears his cross in his usual attire,
To save my soul from everlasting fire.

THE THIRD STATION.

Jesus falls the first time under the Cross.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS third Station represents how our Lord Jesus Christ, overwhelmed by the weight of the Cross, fainting through loss of blood, falls to the ground the first time.

Contemplate the unwearied patience of the meek Lamb amidst the insulting blows and curses of his brutal executioners; while you, impatient in adversity and infirmity, presume to complain, nay, to insult the Majesty of Heaven by your curses and blasphemies. Purpose here firmly to struggle against the impatient sallies of temper; and beholding your amiable Jesus prostrate under the Cross, excite in yourself a just hatred for those sins which rendered insupportable that weight with which your Saviour, for love of you, was burdened, and thus address your afflicted Jesus:

Prayer.

ALAS, my Jesus! the merciless violence of thy inhuman executioners, the excessive weight of the Cross, or rather the more oppressive load of my sins, bend thee to the earth. Panting for breath, exhausted as thou art, thou dost not refuse new tortures for me. Will I then refuse the light burden of thy commandments; will I refuse to do violence to my perverse passions and sinful attachments; will I relapse into those very crimes for which I have shed false and delusive tears? O Jesus! stretch thy holy hand to my assistance, that I may never more fall into mortal sin; that I may at the hour of death secure the important affair of my salvation. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

For want of blood he fell unto the ground,
No comfort for my Lord was to be found;
For after all they forced him up again,
And scourged him on, for to augment his pain.

THE FOURTH STATION.

Jesus carrying the Cross, meets his most afflicted Mother.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THE fourth Station presents to your contemplation the meeting of the desolate Mother and her bleeding Jesus, staggering under the weight of the Cross.

Consider what pangs rent her soul, when she beheld her beloved Jesus covered with blood, dragged violently to the place of execution, reviled and blasphemed by an ungrateful, outrageous rabble. Meditate on her inward feelings, the looks of silent agony exchanged between the Mother and the Son; her anguish in not being permitted to approach, to embrace, and to accompany him to death. Filled with confusion at the thought that neither the Son's pains nor Mother's grief have softened the hardness of your heart, contritely join in the following

Prayer.

MARY! I am the cause of thy sufferings! O refuge of sinners! let me participate in those heart-felt pangs, which rent thy tender soul, when thou didst behold thy Son, trembling with cold, covered with wounds, fainting under the Cross, more dead than alive! Mournful Mother! fountain of love! let me feel the force of thy grief, that I may weep with thee, and mingle my tears with thine, and thy Son's blood. O suffering Jesus! by thy bitter passion, and the heart-breaking compassion of thy afflicted Mother, grant me the efficacious grace of perseverance! Mother of Jesus, intercede for me! Jesus, behold me with an eye of pity, and in the hour of my death receive me to the arms of thy mercy! Amen, Jesus!

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

Behold your Lord, with perfect weakness he
Goes staggering on in his great agony,
Till his afflicted Mother he did see,
Crying, Son, O Son! my heart does bleed for thee.

THE FIFTH STATION.

Christ assisted by Simon the Cyrenean to carry the Cross.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THE fifth Station represents Christ fainting, destitute of strength, unable to carry the Cross. His sacrilegious executioners compel Simon the Cyrenean to carry it, not through compassionate pity to Jesus, but lest he should expire in their hands, before they could glut their vengeance by nailing him to the Cross.

Consider here the repugnance of Simon to carry the Cross after Christ; and that you, with repugnance and by compulsion, carry the Cross which Providence has placed on your shoulders. Will you spurn the love of your Jesus, who invites you to take up your cross and follow him? Will you yet with shameless ingratitude refuse the Cross, sanctified by his suffering? Offer up devoutly the following

Prayer.

SUFFERING Jesus! to what excess did thy impious executioners' cruelty proceed! Beholding thee faint under the Cross, apprehensive of thy death before they could complete their bloody intentions, they compel Simon to carry the Cross, that thou mightest expire on it in the most exquisite torture. But why should I complain of the cruelty of the Jews, or the repugnance of Simon? Have I not again crucified thee by my crimes? Have I not suffered with fretful impatience the light afflictions with which thy mercy visited me? Inspire me now, my Jesus, to detest and deplore my sinful impatience, my ungrateful murmurs, and let me with all my heart cheerfully accompany thee to Mount Calvary: let me live in thee, and die in thee. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

The outrageous Jews, when fainting Jesus fell,
Simon to bear his cross they did compel:
Afflictions bear like Job most patiently,
And follow the Lamb with great humility.

THE SIXTH STATION.

Veronica presents a Handkerchief to Christ.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THE sixth Station represents the place where the pious Veronica, compassionating our agonizing Redeemer, beholding his sacred face livid with blows, and covered with blood and sweat, presents a handkerchief, with which Jesus wipes his face.

Consider the heroic piety of this devout woman, who is not intimidated by the presence of the executioners, or the clamors of the Jews, and the tender acknowledgment of Jesus. Reflect here, that though you cannot personally discharge the debt of humanity to your Saviour, you can discharge it to his suffering members, the poor. Though you cannot wipe away the blood and sweat from the face of Jesus, you can wipe away the tear of wretchedness from the eye of misery. Examine, then, what returns you have made for the singular graces and favors your bountiful Jesus

bestowed on you; and conscious of your ingratitude, address your injured Saviour in the following

Prayer.

JESUS, grant me tears to weep my ingratitude. How often have I, infatuated wretch, turned my eyes from thee and thy sufferings, to fix them on the world and its vanities! Let me henceforth be thine without division. Stamp thy image on my soul, that it may never admit another love. Take possession of my heart on earth, that my soul may take eternal possession of thee in glory. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

Veronica, who when our Lord did see,
A handkerchief present to him did she:

My good Lord by looks that were divine,
Has left his countenance on the same behind.

THE SEVENTH STATION.

Jesus falls under the Cross the second time

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THE seventh Station represents the gate of Jerusalem, called the Gate of Judgment, at the entrance of which our Saviour, through anguish and weakness, falls to the ground. He is compelled by blows and blasphemies to rise.

Consider your Jesus prostrate on the earth, bruised by his fall, and ignominiously treated by an ungrateful rabble. Reflect that your self-love and pride of preference were the cause of this humiliation. Implore, then, grace to detest sincerely your haughty spirit and proud disposition. It was your reiterated sins which again pressed him to the ground. Will you then sin again, and add to the afflictions of your gracious Saviour?

Prayer.

MOST Holy Redeemer! treated with the utmost contempt, deprived of fame and honor; led out to punishment; through excess of torments and the weakness of thy delicate and mangled body, thou didst fall a second time to the earth. What impious hand has prostrated thee? Alas, my Jesus, I am that impious, that sacrilegious offender: my ambitious pride, my haughty indignation, my contempt of others, humbled thee to the earth. Banish forever from my mind the unhappy spirit of pride. Teach my heart the doctrine of humility, so that, detesting pride, vain-glory, and human respect, I may forever be united with thee, my meek and humble Jesus. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

At Jerusalem's gate he fell once
more;
To save our souls he suffered sore;
For his great mercy let us always
call,
Since our vain pride has caused his
great downfall.

THE EIGHTH STATION.

Christ consoles the Women of Jerusalem who wept over him.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS Station represents the place where several devout women meeting Jesus, and beholding him wounded, and bathed in his blood, shed tears of compassion over him.

Consider the excessive love of Jesus, who, though languishing and half dead through the multitude of his torments, is nevertheless attentive to console the women who wept over him. They merited that tender consolation from the mouth of Jesus, "*Weep not over me, but over yourselves and your children.*" Weep for your sins, the sources of my affliction. Yes, O my soul! I will obey my suffering Lord, and pour out tears of compunction. Nothing more eloquent than the voice of those tears which flow from the horror of our sins. Address him in the following

Prayer.

JESUS, only-begotten Son of the Father! who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes, that I may day and night weep and lament my sins? I humbly beseech thee by those tears of blood thou didst shed for me, to soften my flinty bosom, that tears may plentifully flow from my eyes, and contrition rend my heart, this hardened heart, to cancel my crimes and render me secure in the day of wrath and examination, when thou wilt come to judge the living and the dead, and demand a rigorous account of thy blood. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

With tears of love the women they did weep,
Compassionating our Redeemer sweet:

Weep for your sins which caused him
here to be:
O Lamb of God, your mercy show to
me.

THE NINTH STATION.

Jesus falls under the Cross the third time.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS Station represents the foot of Mount Calvary, where Jesus Christ, quite destitute of strength, falls a third time to the ground. The anguish of his wounds is renewed.

Consider here the many injuries and blasphemous derisions thrown out against Christ, to compel him to rise and hasten to the place of execution, that his inveterate enemies might enjoy the savage satisfaction of beholding him expire on the Cross. Consider that by your sins you daily hurry him to the place of execution. Approach him in thought to the foot of Mount Calvary, and cry out against the accursed weight of sin that prostrated Jesus, and had long since buried thee in the flames of hell, if his mercy and the merits of his passion had not preserved thee.

Prayer.

CLEMENT JESUS! I return thee infinite thanks, for not permitting me, ungrateful sinner, as thou hast permitted thousands less criminal, to die in their sins—I, who have added torments to thy torments, by heaping sin on sin. Kindle in my soul the fire of charity, fan it with thy continual grace into perseverance, until, delivered from the body of this death, I can enjoy the liberty of the children of God and thy co-heirs. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

The third time he fell was at Mount Calvary;
Black and bruised and sorely scourged was he:

O gracious Lord, you suffered all for me,
To save my soul from endless misery.

THE TENTH STATION.

Jesus is stripped of his Garments, and offered Vinegar and Gall.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS Station represents how our Lord Jesus Christ ascended Mount Calvary, and was by his inhuman executioners stripped of his garments. The skin and congealed blood are torn off with them, and his wounds renewed.

Consider the confusion of the modest Lamb, exposed naked to the contempt and derision of an insulting rabble. They present him with vinegar and gall for a refreshment. Condemn here that delicacy of taste, that sensual indulgence, with which you flatter your sinful body. Pray here for the spirit of Christian mortification. Think how happy you would die, if, stripped of the world and its attachments, you could expire covered with the blood and agony of Jesus.

Prayer.

SUFFERING JESUS! I behold thee stripped of thy garments, thy old wounds renewed, and new ones added to the old. I behold thee naked in the presence of thousands, exposed to the inclemency of the weather; cold, trembling from head to foot, insulted by the blasphemous derisions of the spectators. Strip, O mangled Lamb of God! my heart of the world and its deceitful affections. Divest my soul of its habits of sensual indulgence. Embitter the poisoned cup of pleasure, that I may dash it with contempt from my lips, and through Christian mortification arrive at thy never-fading glory. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

How cruel it was to view my Lord indeed!
I think the Queen of Angels' heart did bleed
To see her Son stripp'd naked to her view,
And exposed to that sad bloody crew.

THE ELEVENTH STATION.

Christ is nailed to the Cross.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS Station represents the place where Jesus Christ, in the presence of his afflicted Mother, is stretched on the Cross, and nailed to it. How insufferable the torture!—the nerves and sinews are rent by the nails.

Consider the exceeding desolation, the anguish of the tender Mother, eye-witness of this inhuman punishment of her beloved Jesus. Generously resolve then to crucify your criminal desires, and nail your sins to the wood of the cross. Contemplate the suffering resignation of the Son of God to the will of his Father, while you are impatient in trifling afflictions, in trivial disappointments. Purpose henceforth to embrace your cross with ready resignation to the will of God.

Prayer.

PATIENT JESUS! meek Lamb of God! who promised, "When I shall be exalted from earth I will draw all things to myself," attract my heart to thee, and nail it to the Cross. I now renounce and detest my past impatience. Let me crucify my flesh with its concupiscence and vices. Here burn, here cut, but spare me for eternity. I throw myself into the arms of thy mercy. Thy will be done in all things. Grant me resignation, grant me thy love, I desire no more. Amen, Jesus.

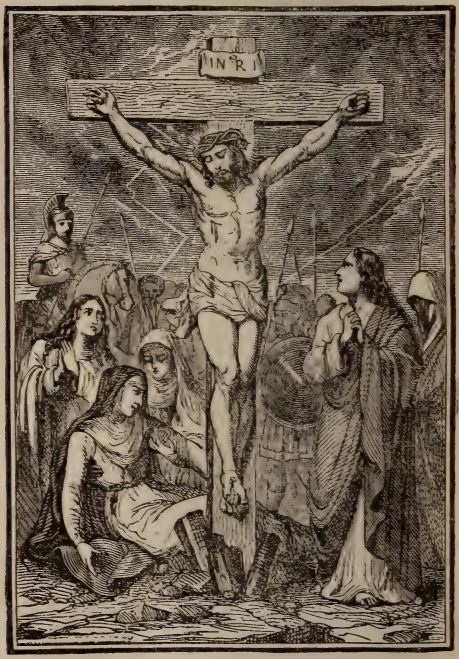
Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

You Christian dames, now join with Mary's grief;
Heaven and earth, I see, denies relief;

Her heart was pierced with grief to see
Her loving Jesus nailed unto a tree.

THE TWELFTH STATION.



Christ is exalted on the Cross and dies.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS Station represents the place where Jesus Christ was publicly exalted on the Cross, between two robbers, who for their enormous crimes were executed with the innocent Lamb.

Consider here the confusion of your Saviour, exposed naked to the profane view of a blasphemous multitude. Imagine yourself at the foot of the Cross. Behold that sacred body streaming blood from every part. Contemplate the divine countenance pale and languid, the heart throbbing in the last pangs of agony, the soul on the point of separation: yet charity triumphs over his agony; his last prayers petition forgiveness for his enemies. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." His clemency is equally extended to the penitent thief: "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." He recommends in his last

moments his disconsolate Mother to his beloved St. John. He recommends his soul to his heavenly Father, and bowing down his submissive, obedient head, resigns his spirit. Turn your eyes on the naked bloody portrait of charity. Number his wounds. Wash them with tears of sympathizing love. Behold the arms extended to embrace you. Love of Jesus! you die to deliver us from eternal captivity.

Prayer.

O SUFFERING Son of God! I now behold thee in the last convulsive pangs of death,—thy veins opened, thy sinews torn, thy hands and feet, O Fountain of Paradise! distilling blood. I acknowledge, charitable Jesus, that my reiterated offences have been thy merciless executioners, the cause of thy bitter sufferings and death. Yet, God of mercy, look on my sinful soul, bathe it in thy precious blood! Let me die to the vanity of the world,

and renounce its false pleasures. Thou didst pray, my Jesus, for thy enemies. I forgive mine. I embrace them in the bowels of thy charity. I bury my resentment in thy wounds. Shelter me in the day of wrath in the sanctuary of thy side. Let me live, let me die in my crucified Jesus. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c., Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

Behold the streams of blood from every
part,
And the sharp lance that pierced his
sacred heart;
Exposed and naked he is stretched on
high,
For our sins, on the Mount of Calvary.

THE THIRTEENTH STATION.

Christ is taken down from the Cross.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS Station represents the place where Christ's most sacred body was taken down from the Cross by Joseph and Nicodemus, and laid in the bosom of his weeping Mother.

Consider the sighs and tears of the Virgin Mother, with what pangs she embraced the bloody remains of her beloved Jesus. Here unite your tears with those of the disconsolate Mother. Reflect, that your Jesus would not descend from the Cross, until he consummated the work of redemption; and that at his departure from, as well as at his entrance into, the world, he would be placed in the bosom of his beloved Mother. Hence learn constancy in your pious resolutions! cleave to the standard of the Cross. Consider with what purity that soul should be adorned, which receives in the blessed Sacrament of the

Eucharist Christ's most sacred body and blood.

Prayer.

AT length, O blessed Virgin! Mother of sorrow! thou art permitted to embrace thy beloved Son. But alas! the fruit of thy immaculate womb is all over mangled, in one continued wound. Yes, O Lord! the infernal fury of the Jews has at length triumphed; yet we renew their barbarity, crucifying thee by our sins, inflicting new wounds. Most afflicted Mother of my Redeemer, I conjure thee by the pains and torments thou sufferedst in the common cause of Salvation, to obtain for me, by thy powerful intercession, pardon of my sins, and grace to weep, with a sympathizing feeling, thine and thy Son's afflictions. As often as I appear at the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, let me embrace thee, my Jesus, in the bosom of my heart. May I worthily

receive thee as the sacred pledge of my salvation. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

When from the Cross they took the holy Lamb,
His Mother cries, My son, I am undone;
My child is dead, you virgins join with me,
And to lament my love's sad destiny.

THE FOURTEENTH STATION.

Christ is laid in the Holy Sepulchre.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

The Mystery.

THIS Station represents Christ's Sepulchre, where his blessed body was laid with piety and devotion.

Consider the emotions of the Virgin—her eyes streaming with tears, her bosom heaving with sighs. What melancholy, what wistful looks she cast on that monument where the treasure of her soul, her Jesus, her all lay entombed! Here lament your want of contrition for your sins, and humbly adore your deceased Lord, who, poor even in death, is buried in another's tomb. Blush at your dependence on the world, and the eager solicitude with which you labor to grasp its perishable advantages. Despise henceforth the world, lest you perish with it.

Prayer.

CHARITABLE Jesus, for my salvation thou performedst the painful journey of the Cross. Let

me press the footsteps marked by thee, gracious Redeemer—the paths which, through the thorns of life, conduct to the heavenly Jerusalem. Would that thou wert entombed in my heart, that being united to thee, I might rise to a new life of grace, and persevere to the end. Grant me in my last moments to receive thy precious Body as the pledge of immortal life. Let my last words be Jesus and Mary; my last breath be united to thy last breath on the Cross; that with a lively faith, a firm hope, and ardent love, I may die with thee and for thee; that I may reign with thee forever and ever. Amen, Jesus.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us!

You pious Christians, raise your voices, raise,
And join with me to sing your Saviour's praise;

Who died for us, and spilt his blood most free,
To save our souls from endless misery.

COMPASSIONATE Jesus! behold with eyes of mercy this devotion I have endeavored to perform, in honor of thy bitter passion and death, in order to obtain remission of my sins, and the pains incurred by them. Accept of it for the salvation of the living and the eternal repose of the faithful departed, particularly for those for whom I directed it. Do not, my Jesus, suffer the ineffable price of thy blood to be fruitless, nor my miserable soul, ransomed by it, to perish. The voice of thy blood is louder for mercy than my crimes for vengeance. Have mercy, then, O Lord! have mercy, and spare me for thy mercy's sake! Amen, Jesus.

The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES,

Assigned for Mondays and Thursdays throughout the Year, the Sundays of Advent, and after Epiphany till Lent.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, our Lord is with thee.

R. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

V. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Alleluia, or praise be to thee, O Lord! King of eternal glory.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.

The Annunciation.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the Angel Gabriel saluted our blessed Lady with the title Full of Grace, and declared unto her the incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Then say,* Our Father, *once,* Hail Mary, *ten times.* Glory be to the Father, *once.*

The Prayer.

O HOLY Mary, Queen of Virgins, by the most high mystery of the incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun; obtain for us, by thy intercession, light to know this so great benefit which he hath bestowed upon us, vouchsafing in it to make himself our brother, and thee, his own most beloved Mother, our Mother also. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Visitation.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the Angel that her cousin, St. Elizabeth, had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

Our Father, &c., &c., as before.

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility, by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth, obtain for us, by thy intercession, that our hearts may be so visited by thy most holy Son, that being free from all sin, we may praise him and give him thanks forever. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Nativity.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer Christ Jesus, at midnight, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inns at Bethlehem.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

MOST pure Mother of God, by thy virginal and most joyful delivery, by which thou gavest unto the world thy Son our Saviour; we beseech thee, obtain for us, by thy intercession, grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world, that we may worthily sing without ceasing, both by day and night, the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. Amen.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

The Presentation.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the most blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God with great devotion, received him into his arms.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin and admirable Mistress and Pattern of Obedience, who didst present in the temple the Lord of the temple; obtain for us, of thy beloved Son, that with holy Simeon and devout Anne, we may praise and glorify him forever. Amen.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.

The Finding in the Temple.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, having lost her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought him for the space of three days, and at length found him the fourth day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, being then but twelve years old.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

MOST blessed Virgin, more than Martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy, wherewith thy soul was ravished in finding thy beloved Son in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them; obtain of him for us so to seek him and to find him in the holy Catholic Church that we may never be separated from him. Amen.

Salve Regina.

HAIL! holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears: turn then, most gracious advocate, thy eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O most clement, most pious, and most sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

HEAR, O merciful God, the prayers of thy servants, that we who meet together in the society of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, may, through her intercession, be delivered by thee from the dangers that continually hang over us. Amen.

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that meditating upon those mysteries, in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord.

The Dolorous or Sorrowful Mysteries.

For Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the Year, and the Sundays in Lent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.

The Prayer and Bloody sweat of our Blessed Saviour in the Garden.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemane, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father, &c., *once.* Hail Mary, *ten times.* Glory be to the Father, &c., *once.*

The Prayer.

MOST holy Virgin, more than Martyr, by that ardent prayer which thy beloved Son poured forth unto his Father in the garden, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always and in all things conform and subject ourselves to the will of God. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him being above five thousand, as it was revealed to St. Bridget.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of God, overflowing Fountain of patience, by those stripes thy only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of him for us grace, that we may know how to mortify our rebellious senses, and cut off all occasions of sinning with that sword of grief and compassion which pierced thy most tender soul. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan plaited a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the most sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of our eternal Prince and King of Glory, by those sharp thorns wherewith his most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee, that, by thy intercession, we may be delivered here from all motions of pride, and in the day of Judgment from that confusion which our sins deserve. Amen.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

Jesus Carrying his Cross.

The Meditation.

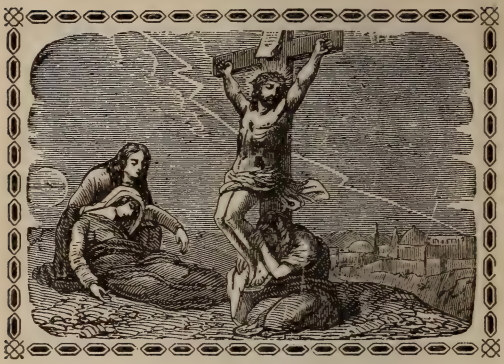
LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ (being sentenced to die) bore with great patience the Cross which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin, example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the Cross, on which thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain for us of him, by thy intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps, and bear our cross after him to the end of our lives. Amen.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.



The Crucifixion.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the Cross, in the presence of his most afflicted Mother.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

HOLY Mary, Mother of God, as the body of thy beloved Son was for us extended on the Cross, so may our desires be daily more and more stretched out in his service, and our hearts wounded with compassion of his most bitter passion; and thou, O most blessed Virgin, vouchsafe to negotiate for and with us the work of our salvation, by thy powerful intercession. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hail holy Queen, &c. *With the verse and prayer as before.*

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

For Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year; and Sundays after Easter until Advent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.

The Resurrection.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father, &c., *once.* Hail Mary, *ten times.* Glory be to the Father, &c., *once.*

The Prayer.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy thou receivedst in the resurrection of thy only beloved Son, we beseech thee, obtain of him for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed in pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Ascension.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in sight of his most holy Mother, and his Apostles and Disciples, to the great admiration of them all.

Our Father, &c., &c., as before.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of God, comfort of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands, and blessed his Apostles, so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him for us, that we may enjoy the benefit of his blessing here on earth, and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent (as he had promised) the Holy Ghost upon his Apostles, who after he ascended, returning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

SACRED Virgin, tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee, obtain by thy intercession, that this most sweet Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his Apostles, filling them thereby with spiritual joy, may teach us in this world the true way of salvation, and make us walk in the paths of virtue and good works. Amen.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

The Assumption.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy angels.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O MOST prudent Virgin, who entering into the heavenly palace didst fill the holy angels with

joy, and man with hope; vouchsafe to intercede for us in the hour of our death, that being free from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully and securely pass out of this temporal state to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. Amen.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.

The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, with great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of Heaven, and particular glory of all the Saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

Our Father, &c., &c.

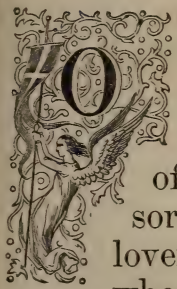
The Prayer.

O GLORIOUS Queen of all the heavenly citizens, we beseech thee, accept this Rosary, which (as a crown of roses) we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that by thy intercession our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die in us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. Amen.

Hail, holy Queen, &c. *With the verse and prayers as before.*

The Prayers of St. Bridget.

To be said in honor of the sacred Wounds of our blessed Saviour.



O MOST sweet Lord Jesus Christ, eternal sweetness of those who love thee; and joy, desire, and firm hope of the hopeless; solace of the sorrowful, and most merciful lover of all penitent sinners; who hast said thy delight is to be with the sons of men; for the love of whom thou didst assume human nature in the fulness of time; remember, most sweet Lord Jesus, all those sharp sorrows which did pierce thy sacred soul, from the first instant of thy incarnation, until the time of thy sorrowful passion, preordained from all eternity: remember, O most amiable Saviour, all that bitter anguish thou didst suffer, when at thy last supper thou didst wash the feet of thy Disciples, didst feed them with the sacred banquet of thy precious body and blood, and most sweetly comforting them, didst foretell them thy en-

suing passion; after which, going to Mount Olivet, thou saidst, *My soul is sorrowful unto death.* Remember, I beseech thee, O most sweet Saviour, that bitter grief and anguish which thy sacred soul did suffer when, praying three several times to thy heavenly Father, thou didst sweat water and blood, thou wast betrayed by thy own disciple, apprehended by thy chosen people, accused by false witnesses, unjustly arraigned before three judges, and in thy chosen city, in the Paschal solemnity, in the flourishing age of thy youth, wrongfully condemned, bound, beaten, spurned, spit upon, despoiled of thy garments, and clothed with others in scorn; wast blindfolded, buffeted, spit upon again, bound naked to a pillar, most cruelly scourged, crowned with thorns, struck with a reed, and afflicted with innumerable other torments, pains, and injuries. O my Lord Jesus, by the memory and merit of all that bitter pain and anguish before thou breathedst thy last upon the Cross,

vouchsafe to grant me, before my death, true contrition, entire confession, a flowing fountain of tears, full satisfaction and plenary remission of all my sins. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, ever-flowing Fountain of heavenly delights, remember, I beseech thee, that grief and sorrow which thou didst suffer when thy cruel enemies, like fierce lions, with furious and dreadful looks, compassing thee round about, did tear off thy hair, spit upon thy sacred face, scratch, buffet thee, and with all manner of unheard-of injuries, outrages, and torments, did most cruelly and basely blaspheme, scorn, and affront thee. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by all those most barbarous and inhuman outrages which thou didst suffer, vouchsafe to deliver me from all my enemies, visible and invisible, that, pro-

tected under the shadow of thy wings, I may safely arrive at the port of eternal glory. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, be propitious to me a sinner.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent Creator and Fabricator of the world and Repairer of mankind, who containest both heaven and earth in thy hand, and whose immensity no bounds can limit: remember, I beseech thee, that bitter pain and anguish which thou didst endure, when the perfidious Jews pierced thy delicate and tender hands and feet with most rough and blunt nails, stretching them forth violently with cords to the holes which they had made in the Cross. Thus they heaped dolors upon dolors, most cruelly disjointing all thy bones, breaking all thy veins, and renewing all thy sacred wounds. O most sweet Jesus, by the memory of all these pains and torments on the Cross, vouchsafe to give me thy

fear and love, with perfect charity towards my neighbor. Amen.

O most pious Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, heavenly Physician of human nature, and eternal King, remember, I beseech thee, all those bitter pains which thou didst endure in thy sacred members, who, being hoisted up upon the Cross with all thy precious body rent and torn, all thy bones being so disjointed that not one remained in its right place; not having from the crown of thy head unto the soles of thy feet any part left whole, so that no dolor could be compared to thine, at which time, being unmindful of thine own torments, thou didst mercifully pray to thy heavenly Father for thy cruel enemies, saying, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* O most meek and merciful Lord Jesus, by this thy admirable benignity, goodness, love, and mercy, and by all thy bitter pains and torments, grant that the memory of thy dolorous passion

may be to me a most powerful protection of my soul and body against all the deceits, temptations, and molestations of the devils, my cruel enemies. Amen.

O most merciful Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus Christ, Mirror of eternal brightness, and wisdom of the omnipotent Father, remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred soul did feel, when beholding in the clear mirror of thy divine presence the predestination of the elect, who through the merits of thy most wholesome passion were to be saved, and the reprobation of the wicked, who for their ingratitude were to be damned, and the abyss of thy immense mercy, by which thou didst commiserate and shed tears for us miserable, lost, forlorn sinners: and chiefly by that mercy thou didst show to the thief upon the Cross, saying to him, *This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.* I beseech thee, O most sweet Lord Jesus, my Lord and my God, to

show the like mercy to me, now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent King and most amiable friend, remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred soul did suffer, when being forsaken by all thy friends and acquaintance, thou didst hang naked, rent, and torn upon the Cross, not having any to comfort or compassionate thee, but only the blessed Virgin Mary, thy Mother, who standing under the Cross, in the bitterness of her soul, accompanied thee in all thy torments, unto whom thou didst commend thy beloved disciple St. John in thy place, saying unto her, *Woman, behold thy son!* and after to that disciple, *Behold thy Mother!* O most sweet Lord Jesus, by that sword which did then transpierce her sacred soul, and by the tender love and compassion wherewith thou didst behold the sad distress of thy sorrowful Mother, have pity and compassion

on me, I beseech thee, my dearest Lord, and mercifully help, comfort, succor, and assist me in all my tribulations, adversities, necessities, sorrows, and sufferings, both spiritual and corporal. Amen.

O most blessed Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet and blessed Lord Jesus, crown of joy, treasure of felicity, sweet source of consolation, and unexhausted fountain of mercy; who, hanging on the Cross, out of the most inflamed desire thou hadst of the salvation of our souls, saidst, I thirst for the redemption of mankind. O dearest Lord, by this thy ardent charity, inflame our hearts with thy holy love, enkindle our desires to accomplish diligently all good works, and wholly extinguish in me the heat of all evil concupiscence, and worldly affections. Amen.

O most excellent Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, the true light of those that believe in thee, suavity of our hearts, and sovereign solace of all faithful souls, by that bitter gall and vinegar thou didst taste upon the Cross at the hour of thy death, grant us, miserable sinners, grace worthily to receive at all times (and particularly at the hour of our death) thy most precious body and blood, that by the virtue of this divine banquet, and all other salutary sacraments, we may be preserved from all evils, sins, and punishments, and, replenished with all joy, securely appear in thy divine presence. Amen.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, King of Virtues, and source of all delights, remember, I beseech thee, that excessive pain and anguish thou didst endure for us sinners on the Cross, when through the bitterness of death, and the impious blasphemies, derisions, scorns, and reproaches of the Jews,

with a loud voice and weeping eyes, thou didst cry to thy heavenly Father, with this sad complaint, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* O most sweet Lord Jesus, by this thy bitter torment, sorrow, grief, and anguish, vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to have pity on me, and succor me in all my sorrows, sufferances, and tribulations, and particularly at the hour of my death: O then, my dearest Lord and my God, vouchsafe to assist and succor me, and do not forsake me, I beseech thee. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sacred Lord Jesus, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things, and mirror of all virtues, remember how, from the crown of thy head to thy feet, thou wert immerged in the deluge of thy dolorous passion, for the love of us vile sinners. O my most sweet Lord Jesus, by the length, breadth, greatness, and multitude of thy most sacred wounds,

take from me the love of the world; and teach me, by true and perfect charity, always to keep thy holy laws and commandments. Amen.

O most wise Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, sovereign goodness, eternal beatitude of thy Saints, and most profound abyss of mercy! by the deep and dolorous wounds which did not only transpierce thy sacred flesh, but even thy bowels, and the marrow of thy bones, be merciful to me a sinner, who now am drowned in my sins and iniquities, and hide me in thy sacred wounds from the face of thy wrath, until thy indignation be past away and appeased. Amen.

O most potent Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, mirror of truth, pledge of union, and bond of charity; remember the innumerable multitude of all those painful wounds wherewith thou wast covered

from head to foot; all thy holy body most cruelly rent and torn by the impious, and dyed with thy most precious blood, all which most dreadful dolors thou didst endure for us vile sinners. O most glorious Lord, engrave these thy dolors deeply in my heart, and write them there with thy precious blood, that in them I may always read thy love and dolors, so that the memory of thy painful passion may daily be renewed in me, and my love increased towards thee, and I remain perpetually thankful to thy immense charity to the last period of my life, until I come to enjoy thee my only dear Lord, and most desired treasure, abounding with all joy and felicity; which through thy goodness be pleased to grant, O most sweet Lord Jesus. Amen.

O most noble Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, most victorious Lion, and invincible, triumphant, and immortal King, remember, I beseech thee, all that bit-

ter pain and anguish thou didst endure, when all the forces of thy soul and body failing, bowing down thy sacred head, thou saidst, *It is consummated.* O dearest Lord, by those thy deadly dolors, have mercy on me at my last passage, when my heart and soul shall be in anguish and anxiety. Amen.

O most noble Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, figure of his substance, splendor of his glory, remember that most earnest recommendation wherewith thou didst commend thy sacred soul to thy omnipotent Father upon the cross, saying, *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit;* at which time thou didst hang naked upon the Cross, with thy most holy body all over wounded, rent, and torn, pouring forth streams of most precious blood, with thy face pale and wan, thy head crowned with thorns, thy arms extended, thy hands nailed, thy veins broken, thy bones disjointed, thy

bowels of mercy opened, thine eyes weeping and obscured, thy voice failing, thy palate thirsting, and thy whole heart broken. O my most merciful Lord, unto all those cruel pains and torments didst thou deliver thy most sacred, innocent, tender, pure, and precious body, for the redemption of us most wretched, vile, and miserable sinners, and in this manner renderedst thy sweet soul to thy celestial Father, by which most precious and innocent death of thine, and by the virtue of the holy Cross, I beseech thee, O Father of mercy, and omnipotent King of Saints, to give me grace to resist the world, the flesh, and the devil, that being dead to all terrestrial things, I may live to thee alone, and have the happiness to be received by thee at my last passage, when this miserable exile shall be ended. Amen.

O most pious Lord Jesus, &c.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, most flourishing, true, and faithful vine,

remember the superabundant effusion of thy precious blood, which thou didst pour forth so plenteously from all parts of thy holy body, like a cluster of pressed grapes, when thou thyself alone didst tread the wine-press on the Cross, and out of thy pierced side didst give us water and wine to drink, not leaving so much as one drop, being then like a bundle of pure and precious myrrh: thou wast hanged on high upon the Cross, at which time the marrow of thy bones dried up, and thy most delicate and tender body wholly fainted and failed. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by this most liberal effusion of thy precious blood, by all the sacred wounds of thy bitter passion, vouchsafe to wound my heart with that tender love wherewith the holy heart of thy most blessed Mother was wounded under the Cross, that tears of love and penance may be my bread day and night, and convert me wholly to thee, that my heart may be thy perpetual habitation, my conversation pleasing

and acceptable to thy Divine Majesty, and the end of my life so precious in thy sight, that having finished this mortal pilgrimage, I may be admitted into immortal glory: to praise and glorify thee, my sovereign Lord, in the sweet society of the holy angels and saints to all eternity. Amen.

PIUS VII. GRANTED A PLENARY INDULGENCE to all who shall say, with contrite heart, the following prayer, before a crucifix, after receiving Holy Communion, praying for the wants of the Church. (*The crucifix on your Beads or on the altar will do.*)

Prayer.

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: "They pierced my hands and my feet; they numbered all my bones."

Say five Our Fathers and five Hail Marys for the wants of the Holy Church.

Dominica ad Vesperas.

Vespers, or Evening Song for Sunday.

V. DEUS in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluja.

vel,

Laus tibi, Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.

Antiphona. Dixit Dominus.

Ant. Alleluja.

Psalmus 109.

DIXIT Dominus Domino meo: * Sede a dextris meis:

Donec ponam inimicos tuos, * scabellum pedum tuorum.

Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion: * dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ

V. O GOD, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Allelujah.

or,

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

The Antiphon. The Lord said.

Ant. Allelujah.

Psalm 109.

THE Lord said to my Lord: Sit on my right hand:

Until I make thy enemies the footstool of thy feet.

The Lord will send the sceptre of thy power out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.

Dominion shall be with thee in the

in splendoribus sanctorum: * ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Juravit Dominus, et non pœnitebit eum: * Tu es Sacerdos in æternum, secundum ordinem Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis, * confregit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas: * conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

De torrente in via bibet: * propterea exaltabit caput.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis.

Ant. Fidelia.

Psalmus 110.

CONFITEBOR tibi Domine in toto corde meo: * in concilio justorum et congregatione.

Magna opera Domini: * exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

day of thy power, in the brightness of the saints: from the womb before the day-star I begat thee.

The Lord swore, and it shall not repent him: thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord at thy right hand hath broken kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among nations, he shall fill ruins: he shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrents in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand.

Ant. All his commandments.

Psalm 110.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: in the council of the just, and in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord: sought out according to all his wills.

Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus: * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum, misericors et miserator Dominus: * escam dedit timentibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: * virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo.

Ut det illis hæreditatem Gentium: * opera manuum ejus veritas et judicium.

Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi: * facta in veritate et equitate.

Redemptionem misit populo suo: * mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus: * initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: * laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Gloria Patri, &c.

His work is praise and magnificence: and his justice continueth forever and ever.

He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: he hath given food to them that fear him.

He will be mindful forever of his covenant: he will show forth to his people the power of his works.

That he may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles: the works of his hands are truth and judgment.

All his commandments are faithful: confirmed forever and ever, made in truth and equity.

He hath sent redemption to his people, he hath commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and terrible is his name; the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

A good understanding to all that do it: his praise continueth forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi.
Ant. In mandatis.

Psalmus 111.

BEATUS vir qui timet Dominum: * in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus: * generatio rectorum benedicetur.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: * misericors, et miserator, et justus.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commodat, disponet sermones suos in judicio: * quia in æternum non commovebitur.
In memoria æterna erit justus: * ab auditione mala non timebit.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino,

Ant. All his commandments are faithful: confirmed forever and ever.

Ant. In his commandments.

Psalm 111.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth forever and ever.

To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness: he is merciful, and compassionate, and just.

Acceptable is the man that showeth mercy and lendeth: he shall order his words with judgment: because he shall not be moved forever.

The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

His heart is ready to hope in the

confirmatum est cor ejus: * non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus: justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi: * cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.

Peccator videbit et irascetur, dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: * desiderium peccatorum peribit.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. In mandatis ejus cupit nimis.

Ant. Sit nomen Domini.

Psalmus 112.

LAUDATE pueri Dominum; * laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum, * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum, * laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, * et super cœlos gloria ejus.

Lord: his heart is strengthened; he shall not be moved, until he look over his enemies.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor, his justice remaineth forever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

The wicked shall see, and shall be angry; he shall gnash with his teeth and pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. In his commandments he has great delight.

Ant. Let the name of the Lord.

Psalm 112.

PRAISE the Lord, ye children; praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth now and forever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat, * et humilia respicit in cœlo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem, * et de stercore erigens pauperem.

Ut collocet eum cum principibus, * cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, * matrem filiorum lætantem.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant.. Sit nomen Domini benedictum in sæcula.

Ant. Nos qui vivimus.

Psalmus 116.

LAUDATE Dominum omnes gentes: * laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: * et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Nos qui vivimus benedicamus Domino.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dung-hill:

That he may place them with princes, with the princes of his people.

Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Let the name of the Lord be blessed forever.

Ant. We that live.

Psalm 116.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. We that live bless our Lord.

Tempore Paschali.

Ant. Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

Capitulum, 2 *Cor.* i.

BENEDICTUS Deus, et Pater Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Pater misericordiarum, et Deus totius consolationis, qui consolatur nos in omni tribulatione nostra.

R. Deo gratias.

Hymnus.

LUCIS Creator optime,
Lucem dierum proferens,
Primordiis lucis novæ,
Mundi parans originem.
Qui mane junctum vesperi,
Diem vocari præcipis,
Tetrum chaos illabitur;
Audi preces cum fletibus.

Ne mens gravata crimine,
Vitæ sit exul munere;

In Paschal Time.

Ant. Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah.

The Little Chapter, 2 Cor. i.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Hymn.

REATOR of the radiant light,
Fountain of bliss, essential sight,
Emitting splendor's orient beam,
The world's creation to proclaim.

Who, with the morn's enliv'ning ray,
Dispell'st the shades and call'st the day;
Approaching night o'erspreads the spheres,
Now gracious hear our sighs and tears.

Distain'd with guilt and foul offence,
Let not a sudden summons hence,

Dum nil perenne cogitat,
Seseque culpis illigat.
  Cœleste pulsat ostium,
Vitale tollat præmium;
Vitemus omne noxium;
Purgemus omne pessimum.
  Præsta, Pater piissime;
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.

V. Dirigatur, Domine, oratio mea,
R. Sicut incensum in conspectu tuo.

Present us at thy awful seat,
Victims of fleeting vain deceit.
  But rather while at mercy's door
Contrite, our treasons we deplore,
Admit thy suppliants; grant us peace,
That triumph of thy saving grace.
  Eternal Father, lend thine ear;
Co-equal Son, receive our prayer:
O Holy Ghost, we cry to thee,
God! three in one eternally. Amen.

V. Let my prayer, like incense,
R. Ascend to thee, O Lord.

Canticum B. Mariæ Virginis.

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called the Magnificat.

Luke i.

MAGNIFICAT * anima mea Dominum: Et exultavit spiritus meus * in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ; * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies * timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo; * dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede, * et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis; * et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, * recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Luke i.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord:

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generation, to them that fear him.

He hath showed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart:

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent away empty.

He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, * Abraham et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Then follows the prayer, which is different every day.

P. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Benedicamus Domino.
R. Deo Gratias.
P. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.
R. Amen.

Then is sung one of the following anthems, according to the time.

From Advent to the Purification.

Alma Redemptoris mater, quæ pervia cœli,

Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,

Surgere qui curat populo, tu quæ genuisti,

Natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem,

As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Then follows the prayer, which is different every day.

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
P. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
P. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

Then is sung one of the following anthems, according to the time.

From Advent to the Purification.

Mother of Jesus, heaven's open gate,
Star of the sea, support the falling state,
Of mortals; thou whose womb thy Maker bore,
And yet, strange thing, a Virgin as before;

Virgo prius ac posterius: Gabrielis ab ore,
Sumens illud ave, peccatorum miserere.

In Advent.

P. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ;

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

P. Oremus.
Gratiam tuam quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem, ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur; per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

After Advent.

P. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti.
R. Dei genitrix. intercede pro nobis.
P. Oremus.

Who didst from Gabriel's hail, this news receive;
Repenting sinners by thy prayers relieve.

In Advent.

P. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.
P. Let us pray.
Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son has been made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection: through the same Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

After Advent.

P. After childbirth thou didst remain a pure Virgin.
R. Mother of God, intercede for us.
P. Let us pray.

Deus qui salutis æternæ beatæ Mariæ Virginitate fœcunda humano generi præmia præstitisti: tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus Auctorem vitæ suscipere Dominum nostrum, Jesum Christum, Filium tuum.

R. Amen.

From the Purification until Easter.

Ave, Regina Cœlorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum,
Salve, radix, Salve, porta,
Ex qua mundo lux est orta;

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa;
Vale, O valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

P. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

P. Oremus.

Concede misericors Deus, fragilitati

O God, who by the fruitful Virginity of the blessed Virgin Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may be sensible of the benefits of her intercession, by whom we have received the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son.

R. Amen.

From the Purification until Easter.

Hail, Mary, queen of heavenly spheres!
Hail, whom the angelic host reveres!
Hail, fruitful root, hail sacred gate!
Whence the world's light derives its date.
O glorious maid, with beauty blessed!
May joys eternal fill thy breast:
Thus crowned with beauty and with joy,
Thy prayers with Christ for us employ.

P. Vouchsafe, O sacred Virgin, to accept my praises.

R. Give me power against thy enemies.

P. Let us pray.

Grant us, O merciful God, strength

nostræ præsidium; ut qui sanctæ Dei genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus; per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

Regina cœli, lætare,
Alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare,
Alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit,
Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum.
Alleluia.
P. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria,
Alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere,
Alleluia.
P. Oremus.

DEUS qui, per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri, Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es; præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus genitri-

against all our weakness; that we, who celebrate the memory of the holy mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, rise again from our iniquities: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

O Queen of heaven, rejoice; Alleluia.

For he whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia,

Is risen as he said:

Alleluia.

Pray for us to God:

Alleluia.

P. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary: Alleluia.

R. Because our Lord is truly risen: Alleluia.

P. Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hath been pleased to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech thee, that

cem Virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ; per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

SALVE Regina, mater misericordiæ, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evæ. Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes, in hac lacrymarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui nobis post hoc exilium ostende; O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria!

P. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

P. Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ, corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur,

by the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

HAIL, O Queen, O mother of mercy; hail, our life, our comfort, and our hope; we, the banished children of Eve, cry out unto thee. To thee we send up our sighs, groaning and weeping in this vale of tears. Come, then, our advocate, and look upon us with those thy pitying eyes. And after this our banishment, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb; O merciful, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

P. Pray for us, O holy mother of God!

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

P. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother

Spiritu Sancte co-operante, præparasti; da, ut cujus commemoratione lætamur ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetua liberemur; per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

P. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for thy Son, grant, that as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

P. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

OF THE

Blessed Sacrament.

At the Benediction, the following Hymn is usually sung, or at least the latter part of it, beginning with *Tantum ergo.*

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HYMN.

ANGE lingua gloriosi,
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium,
Fructus ventris generosi,
Rex effudit gentium.

Nobis datus, nobis natus,
Ex intacta virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparso verbi, semine;
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine.
In supremæ nocte cœnæ,
Recumbens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plene,
Cibis in legalibus,
Cibum turbæ duodenæ
Se dat suis manibus.

HYMN.

ING, O my tongue, adore and praise
The depth of God's mysterious ways:
How Christ, the world's great king, bestowed
His flesh concealed in human food,
And left mankind the blood that paid
The ransom for the souls he made.

Given from above, and born for man,
From Virgin's womb his life began;
He lived on earth, and preached to sow
The seeds of heavenly truth below:
Then sealed his mission from above
With strange effects of power and love.
'Twas on that evening when the last,
And most mysterious supper past—
When Christ with his disciples sat,
To close the law with legal meat,
Then to the twelve himself bestowed
With his own hands to be their food.

Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo carnem efficit:
Fitque sanguis Christi merum,
Et si sensus deficit;
Ad firmandum cor sincerum
Sola fides sufficit.
Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur, cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque,
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

P. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis, Alleluia.

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. Alleluia.

P. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei genitrix;

The Word made flesh for love of man,
By his word turns bread to flesh again;
And wine to blood, unseen by sense,
By virtue of Omnipotence:
And here the faithful rest secure,
Whilst God can vouch, and faith insure.
To this mysterious table now
Our knees, our hearts, and sense we bow:
Let ancient rites resign their place
To nobler elements of grace,
And faith for all defects supply,
Whilst sense is lost in mystery.
To God the Father, born of none,
To Christ, his co-eternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, whose equal rays
From both proceed, one equal praise:
One honor, jubilee, and fame
Forever bless his glorious name. Amen.

P. Thou hast given them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. Alleluia.

P. Pray for us, O holy mother of God;

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

P. Oremus.

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis, &c.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Prayer.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy passion; grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy sacred body and blood, that our souls may be always sensible of the fruit of thy redemption. Who livest, &c.

A PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL.

GLORIOUS St. Michael, prince of the heavenly host, who standest always ready to give assistance to the people of God; who didst fight with the dragon, the old serpent, and

didst cast him out of heaven, and now valiantly defendest the Church of God, that the gates of hell may never prevail against her: I earnestly entreat thee to assist me also, in the painful and dangerous conflict which I have to sustain against the same formidable foe. Be with me, O mighty prince! that I may courageously fight, and happily vanquish that proud dragon, whom thou hast, by the divine power, so gloriously overcome, and whom our powerful king, Jesus Christ, has, in our nature, so completely overthrown; to the end that, having triumphed over the enemy of my salvation, I may, with thee, and the holy Angels, praise the clemency of God, who, having refused mercy to the revolted Angels after their fall, has granted repentance and forgiveness to fallen man.

Ejaculatory Prayers.

PROPER TO RAISE THE HEART TO GOD DURING THE DAY, AND TO BE SUGGESTED TO THE DYING TO HELP THEM TO DIE WELL.

1. O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, and I love Thee with all my heart.

2. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, earth is full of Thy glory. Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Holy Ghost.

(100 *days' Indulgence once a day.*)

3. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul, (100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

4. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony, (100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

5. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, let my soul send forth her last sigh in peace with you to aid me.

(100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

6. O Sacrament most holy! O Sa-

crament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

(100 *days' Indulgence once a day.*)

7. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus, in satisfaction for my sins, and for the wants of Holy Church.

(100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

8. My Jesus, mercy.

(100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

9. May the most just, most high, most adorable will of God be in all things done, and praised, and forever magnified.

(100 *days' Indulgence once a day.*)

10. Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary.

—100 *days' Indulgence each time.*

11. Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation.—300 *days' Indulgence each time.*

12. My Queen! my Mother! remember I am thine own. Keep me, guard me, as thy property, thine own possession.—40 *days' Indulgence each time it is said during temptation.*

13. My sweetest Jesus, be not Thou my Judge but my Saviour.—50 *days' Indulgence each time.*

14. Incline unto my aid, O God: O Lord, make haste to help me.

15. Lord, save us, lest we perish.

16. My Jesus, would that I had never offended Thee.

17. O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

18. Have mercy on me, O Lord, according to thy great mercy.

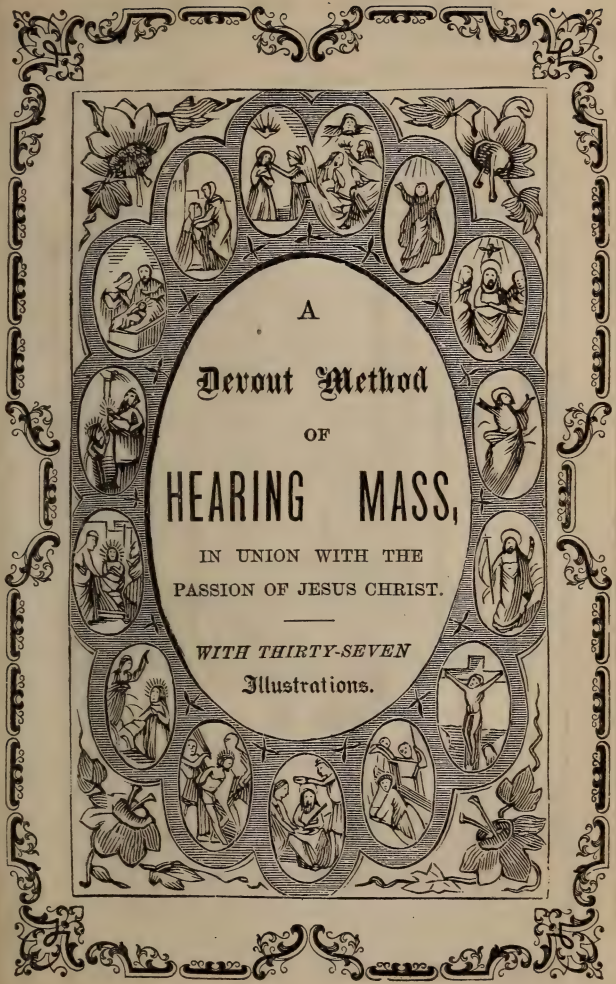
19. O God of my salvation, permit not that for a moment of pleasure I should lose an eternity of happiness.

20. My God, my Saviour, remember that Thou art my Father, and forget not that I am thy child.

21. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, have mercy on us.

22. Lord, thou hast created us for Thyself, and we can never be happy without Thee.

23. O my God, grant that I may love Thee as much as Thou willest that I should love Thee.



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JESUS ENTERS THE GARDEN.

THE PRIEST GOES TO THE ALTAR.

WHEN THE PRIEST GOES TO THE ALTAR.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the living God, who, when thy passion drew nigh, didst for me, a wretched sinner, fear and grow sad; grant that I may ever direct all my sorrows unto thee, who art the God of my heart; and thou, O Lord, in union of thy passion and sorrow, assist me to bear them with patience, that, by the merits of thy sufferings, they may become profitable to my soul. *Amen.*

JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN.

THE PRIEST BEGINS MASS.

WHEN THE PRIEST BEGINS MASS.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the living God, who in thy bitter agony in the garden wast comforted by an Angel; grant through the merits of thy prayer, that when I pray, thy holy angel may assist and comfort me. *Amen.*

JESUS FALLS ON HIS FACE TO THE EARTH.

AT THE CONFITEOR.

AT THE CONFITEOR.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, praying in the garden unto thy heavenly Father, being in an agony, didst miraculously sweat blood from all thy members; grant that by remembrance of thy bitter passion I may shed tears of sincere repentance, now in thy presence. *Amen.*

JESUS IS BETRAYED WITH A KISS.

THE PRIEST KISSES THE ALTAR.

WHEN THE PRIEST KISSES THE ALTAR.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who sufferedst Judas to betray thee with a kiss; grant that I may never betray thee in my neighbor or myself; nor ever return evil to my enemies, but the good offices of charity. *Amen.*

JESUS IS LED CAPTIVE.

THE PRIEST GOES TO THE EPISTLE SIDE OF THE ALTAR.

WHEN THE PRIEST GOES TO THE EPISTLE SIDE OF THE ALTAR.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst submit to be bound by the hands of wicked men, break, I beseech thee, the chain of my sins, and so tie me with the bands of charity, and the cords of thy commandments, that I may neither in thought, word, nor deed, offend thee hereafter. *Amen.*

JESUS IS STRUCK ON THE FACE.

AT THE INTROIT.

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The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wast brought as a criminal to Annas, by an armed band of wicked men; grant that I may never suffer myself to be led into sin by the evil suggestions of my fellow-creatures, or the temptations of the wicked one, but that I may be safely guided by thy Holy Spirit to the fulfilment of thy divine will. *Amen.*

JESUS IS DENIED BY PETER.

AT THE KYRIE ELEISON.

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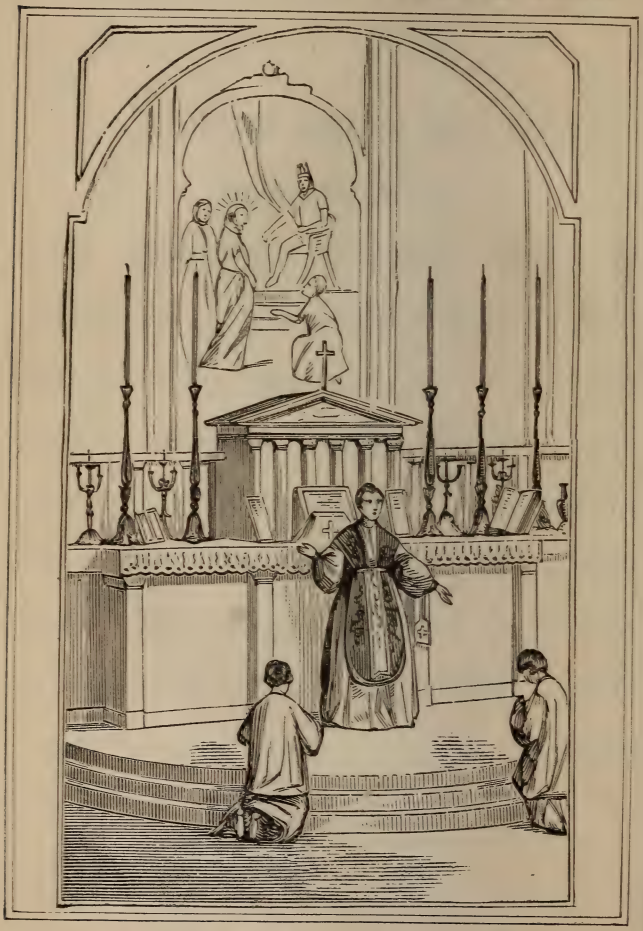
The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who sufferedst thyself to be thrice denied by the prince of the apostles in the house of Caiphas; preserve me, I beseech thee, from ill company, that I may suffer all worldly losses, and even death itself, rather than deny thee once. *Amen.*

PETER CONVERTED BY A LOOK OF JESUS.



AT THE DOMINUS VOBISCUM.

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The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, mercifully looking back on St. Peter, caused him to weep bitterly for his offences; look on me, I beseech thee, with thine eyes of mercy, that I may with tears fully bewail my sins, and neither in word or deed ever offend thee, my Lord and my God. *Amen.*

JESUS IS LED TO PILATE.

AT THE EPISTLE

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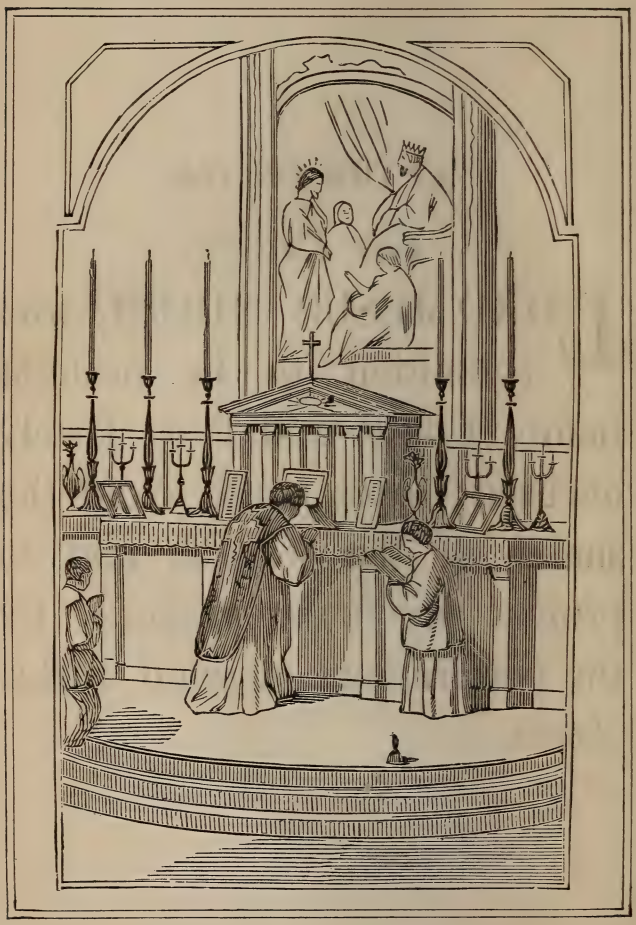
The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who submitted to be brought before Pilate, and there falsely accused; teach me to avoid the snares of the wicked, and to profess my faith constantly by the performance of good works. *Amen.*

JESUS IS BROUGHT TO HEROD.



AT MUNDA COR MEUM.

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The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, before Herod, didst for my sake suffer; grant that I may bear patiently the injuries inflicted on me, and learn from thee, O my divine Master, to be meek and humble of heart. *Amen.*

JESUS IS SENT BACK TO PILATE.

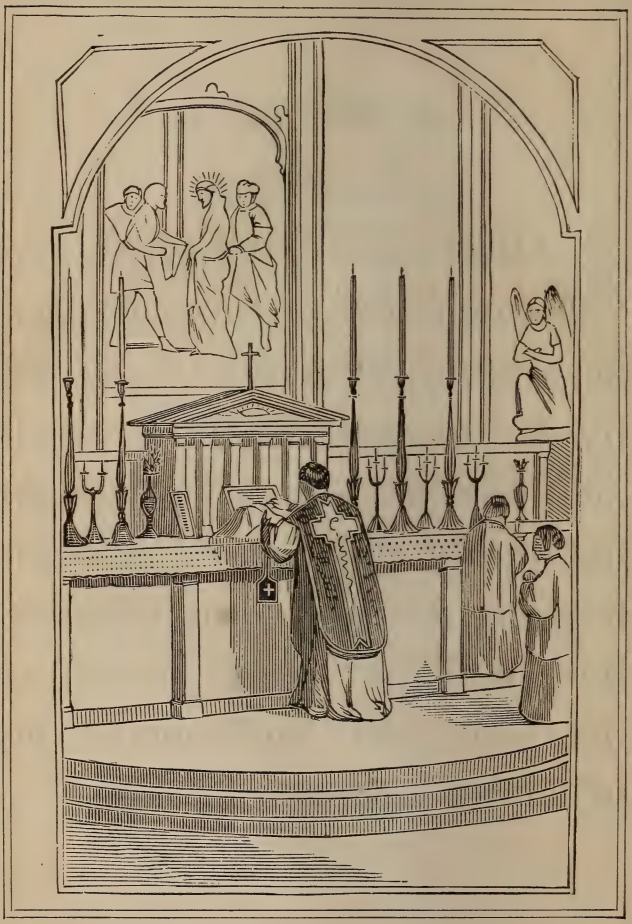
AT THE GOSPEL.

AT THE GOSPEL.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who submitted to be sent back as a fool by Herod to Pilate, and by that means caused a reconciliation between them; strengthen me by thy grace, that I may not fear the designs of my enemies, but profit by being persecuted by them, and thus imitate thy example. *Amen.*

JESUS IS SPOILED OF HIS GARMENTS.



AT THE UNVEILING OF THE CHALICE.

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The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wast despoiled of thy garments, and stripped naked, and scourged, for my sake; grant me grace, by a sincere confession of my sins, to put off the *old man* with all his acts, and never to appear before thee destitute of the virtues of a Christian. *Amen.*

JESUS IS SCOURGED.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who for me wast pleased to be bound unto a pillar, and there cruelly scourged; give me grace willingly to bear the scourges of thy paternal correction, and never more to grieve thee by my sins. *Amen.*

JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS.

AT THE COVERING OF THE CHALICE.

AT THE COVERING OF THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who for my sake didst cruelly submit to be crowned with thorns, pierce my heart so thoroughly with the thorns of penance, that I may deserve to be hereafter crowned by thee in heaven. *Amen.*

PILATE WASHES HIS HANDS.

THE PRIEST WASHES HIS HANDS.

WHEN THE PRIEST WASHES HIS HANDS.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the living God, who, though declared innocent by the governor, Pontius Pilate, didst hear, without opening thy divine lips, the outcries of the Jews to crucify thee; grant me grace to lead a holy life, not to be troubled by the opinions of men, to live innocently, so that the malice of others may not trouble me. *Amen.*

PILATE SAYS, "BEHOLD THE MAN."

AT THE ORATE FRATRES.

AT THE ORATE FRATRES.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, without murmuring, didst voluntarily submit to the cruel mockery of the Jews; grant me grace faithfully to resist all emotions of vainglory, and on the day of judgment to appear before thee in the sacred garb of humility. *Amen.*

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE.

AT THE PREFACE.

AT THE PREFACE.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst, for my sake, vouchsafe to receive the sentence of death, even the death of the cross; grant that on account of thy love I may not fear the sentence of the most cruel death which the perverted judgments of men can pronounce against me, nor ever rashly judge others. *Amen.*

JESUS BEARS HIS CROSS.

AT THE MEMENTO FOR THE LIVING.

AT THE MEMENTO FOR THE LIVING.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, for my salvation, didst carry on thy shoulders thy heavy cross; grant that I may ardently embrace the cross of mortification, and, for the love of thee, bear it daily after thee. *Amen.*

VERONICA OFFERS JESUS A TOWEL.

THE PRIEST HOLDS HIS HANDS OVER THE CHALICE.

WHEN THE PRIEST HOLDS HIS HANDS OVER THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, in that miserable journey to Calvary, didst so lovingly admonish the holy women that wept over thee, to mourn for themselves; give me grace to shed tears of repentance, that with them I may wash off my sins, and become acceptable to thy Divine Majesty. *Amen.*

JESUS IS NAILED ON THE CROSS.

THE PRIEST SIGNS THE OBLATION.

WHEN THE PRIEST SIGNS THE OBLATION.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wast for my sake nailed to the cross, and fastened thereto the handwriting of sin and death that was against me; transfix, I beseech thee, my body with thy holy fear, that, firmly adhering to thy precepts, I may for ever be with thee fastened to thy cross. *Amen.*

JESUS IS EXALTED ON THE CROSS.

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE HOST.

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE HOST.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, for love of me, wast pleased to be elevated on the cross and exalted above the earth; detach my heart, I beseech thee, from all earthly affections, that my soul may always live in the contemplation of heavenly things. *Amen.*

BLOOD FLOWS FROM JESUS' WOUNDS.

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE CHALICE.

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, thy saving wounds are the fountain of grace for us; grant that through the merits of thy precious blood our hearts may be purified from all impure thoughts and affections, and so freed from all concupiscence, and from the dominion of sin. *Amen.*

JESUS PRAYS FOR THE WORLD.

AT THE MEMENTO FOR THE DEAD.

AT THE MEMENTO FOR THE DEAD.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, hanging on the cross, didst implore thy heavenly Father for all mankind, even thy crucifiers; give me, I beseech thee, the grace of humility and patience, that, according to thy precepts and example, I may love my enemies, and do good to those who hate me. *Amen.*

THE CONVERSION OF THE THIEF.

AT NOBIS QUOQUE PECCATORIBUS.

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The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst so mercifully promise heaven to the penitent thief that humbly acknowledged his injustice; behold me, I beseech thee, with the same eyes of mercy, that, now confessing my crimes, I may obtain pardon, and at the end of my life be strengthened with the hope to be with thee in heaven for all eternity. *Amen.*

JESUS THIRSTS.

AT THE LITTLE ELEVATION.

AT THE LITTLE ELEVATION.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst endure such thirst for my sake; grant me grace to bear patiently for thy sake all earthly privations, and to hunger and thirst for thy heavenly kingdom, and here below for thy Word and thy precious Body and Blood. *Amen.*

SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS.

AT THE PATER NOSTER.

AT THE PATER NOSTER.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who from the cross didst recommend thy Blessed Mother to thy beloved disciple, and that disciple to thy Mother; I beseech thee to receive me and protect me amidst all the troubles of this life. *Amen.*

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE HOST.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE HOST.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who for my sake, dying on the cross, didst commend thy soul unto thy Father; grant that in this life I may spiritually die with thee, and at the hour of my death confide my soul unto thee, who livest and reignest God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE SOUL OF JESUS DESCENDS INTO HELL.

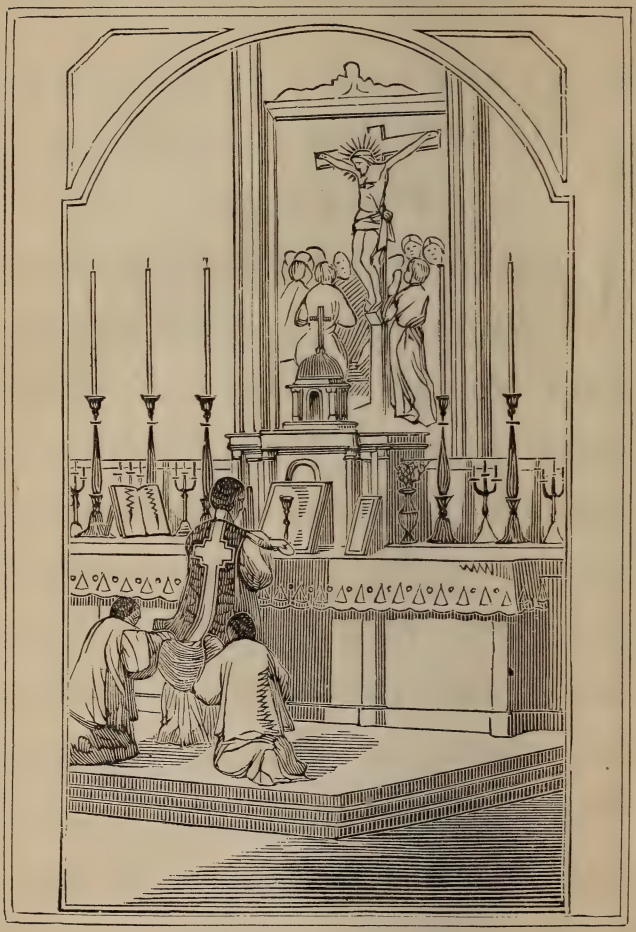
THE PRIEST PUTS PART OF THE HOST INTO THE CHALICE.

WHEN THE PRIEST PUTS PART OF THE HOST INTO THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, after thy glorious victory over the power of the devil, didst descend into Limbo, to liberate the souls imprisoned there; apply, I beseech thee, the virtue of thy most precious blood and passion to the faithful souls in Purgatory, that they may be received into the joys of thy Kingdom. *Amen.*

THE CONVERSION OF MANY AT THE CROSS.



AT THE AGNUS DEI.

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The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, the meditation on thy torments has excited many to repentance; I beseech thee, through the efficacy of thy most bitter passion and death, to grant me perfect contrition for the offences of my past life, and grace to avoid sin in future. *Amen.*

JESUS IS BURIED.

AT THE COMMUNION.

AT THE COMMUNION.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who wast pleased to be buried in a new monument; give me, O Lord my God, a new heart, that, dying in thee, I may happily participate in the glory of thy resurrection. *Amen.*

JESUS IS ANOINTED.

AT THE ABLUTION.

AT THE ABLUTION.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who for me, miserable sinner, wast by Joseph and Nicodemus embalmed with spices, and wrapped in white linen; grant me worthily to receive from thy holy altar thy true and living body in the holy Eucharist, and forever entertain it in a true heart. *Amen.*

JESUS' RESURRECTION.

AFTER COMMUNION.

AFTER COMMUNION.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst rise triumphant out of a sealed monument; grant me grace to rise from the bondage of sin, to walk in newness of life, that when thou, who art my Judge, shalt appear, I may also be worthy to appear with thee in glory. *Amen.*

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES.

AT DOMINUS VOBISCUM.

AT DOMINUS VOBISCUM.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, after thy resurrection, didst manifest thyself to thy beloved mother and disciples, to their great joy and consolation; mercifully grant me the grace, that, after this mortal life, I may with them rejoice in thy heavenly kingdom, enjoying thy presence for ever. *Amen.*

JESUS FORTY DAYS WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

AT THE LAST COLLECT.

AT THE LAST COLLECT.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst vouchsafe, after thy resurrection, to converse forty days with thy disciples, and instruct them in all the mysteries of faith; teach me, I beseech thee, the knowledge of those divine truths, and strengthen my belief in them, according to thy doctrine, and the grace never to swerve in the least from thy will. *Amen.*

JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN.

AT THE LAST DOMINUS VOBISCUM

AT THE LAST DOMINUS VOBISCUM.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, after the term of forty days, didst ascend glorious and immortal into heaven, in the presence of thy disciples; grant that my heart may, for thy love, loathe all earthly things, attend only unto eternal, and pant, hunger, and thirst after thee, as the first and best of all blessings. *Amen.*

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

AT THE BLESSING.

AT THE BLESSING.

The Prayer.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst send the Holy Ghost upon thy disciples, while they were engaged in prayer; cleanse, I beseech thee, my heart from all sin, that the same Holy Ghost may always dwell in it by his manifold gifts, and my soul be everlastingly comforted. *Amen.*

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